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2 dailies apologize for Di's pictures

LONDON, Feb. 19 (R) — Two national newspapers Friday apologized for the royal furor they provoked with front-page pictures of the pregnant Princess of Wales in a brief bikini.

The pictures were taken earlier this week of the 30-year-old princess lazing and swimming with her husband, Prince Charles, on a private beach in the Bahamas. The holiday shots upset Buckingham Palace and Queen Elizabeth condemned the photos as "in the worst possible taste."

The palace Thursday delivered a stern rebuke to the offending papers, *The Sun* and *The Daily Star*, which promptly recalled their photographers and reporters from the Bahamas. Incensed members of parliament signed a motion criticizing the two papers and the Press Council, watchdog of the British media, said it would investigate whether the photos were an invasion of royal privacy.

The Sun, Britain's most popular daily selling four million copies, Friday printed an apology on page one — and re-printed alongside it one of the controversial pictures of the bikini-clad princess, just over five months pregnant.

"Of course, it was never our intention to offend," said *The Sun*. "If we have done so, we are deeply sorry." *The Star*, a tabloid like *The Sun* sent this message to the princess: "If we have upset you, we are deeply sorry."

In an editorial, *The Star* said it had deep affection for the princess, the former Lady Diana Spencer who married the heir to the British throne last July. "Our only aim in photographing the royal couple in a holiday mood was because we felt the British public would want to know that Diana was looking so well and lovely," *The Star* added.

The Daily Mirror, the country's second biggest seller, took the rival *Sun* and *Star* to task, saying the palace had every right to be upset. *The Mirror* said the pictures were "squalid in conception, furtive in execution and grubby in publication" and were snapped secretly by hidden photographers.

Two months ago, the queen made a personal plea to newspaper editors not to harass the young princess out of concern that the constant glare of the press could harm her health.

EEC's jobless hit post-World War II record

BRUSSELS, Feb. 19 (AP) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community hit a post-World War II record 9.5 percent in January, new evidence of Europe's continuing recession, according to figures released Friday.

The data, released by the EEC Statistical Service, showed that about 450,000 more people were jobless in January than in December 1981, when 9.1 percent of the workforce was unemployed. The total number of jobless in January was 10.7 million.

It was the eighth straight monthly decline in jobs in the 10-nation EEC and the worst combined showing since the late 1940s when current statistical methods began to be used.

Staff meetings' notes disclose Haig blows hot and cold but in private

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, likes to talk tough and blow off steam in private, according to notes of his staff meetings quoted in Friday editions of the *Washington Post*. The newspaper said it had obtained notes taken by a participant in nearly two dozen of Haig's meetings with his senior staff and verified them "as to general content" with two others. It also noted that it did not have notes from about 100 other meetings.

Haig accused British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington of duplicity last year when Haig was discussing the proposed multinational Sinai peacekeeping force, the *Post* said.

"When Haig called Lord Carrington a 'duplicitous bastard' on Oct. 15, the notes showed he was speaking about the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), or peacekeeping force in the Sinai," the report said.

Haig reportedly attacked the decision by European nations to join the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai without renouncing the Venice Declaration which said the Palestinians should be involved in the peace process.

The report said the notes also quoted Haig as saying: "European friends — just



plain cowardly. British lying through their teeth on MFO. Saudis never pressured British and Europeans on MFO."

The British were apparently claiming that Saudi Arabia had put pressure on them over the conditions under which they should contribute to the force which will supervise the Sinai after Israel's scheduled withdrawal in April, the *Post* said.

It also quoted Haig as saying at a meeting on Jan. 4: "The French can't produce enough arms to satisfy the Arabs ... it's worrisome that Egypt is slipping back into the Arab world ... The French are the catalyst. The Saudis have an arrogant megalomania that is absolutely devastating."

"With Arab resources and Europeans panting for oil, we need to keep the Egyptians engaged in the peace process," Haig was said to have commented.

The *Post* added that the notes quoted Haig as telling the meeting that the dangerous Middle East situation "comes from kicking Israel in the ass."

"We have evidence of Soviet involvement in all planning of Polish moves," Haig was said to have commented only two days after the military clampdown in Poland on Dec. 13.

Over Iran's undercutting prices

Iraq demands emergency OPEC conference

MANAMA, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — Iraq pressed Friday for an emergency Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) conference before the end of this month to "adopt suitable measures" against Iran's undercutting of OPEC benchmark prices.

"The Iranian moves endanger OPEC and everything it worked for in past years," Oil Minister Taieh Abdul-Karim told the Iraqi News Agency.

He said that unless the projected meeting came out with "solutions guaranteeing the rights of all OPEC members," Iraq is "well capable of adopting measures to protect its own interests." "Our call for an emergency meeting emanates from our extreme concern that the present situation must be dealt with in the correct OPEC framework," Taieh said. "It does not mean at all that we do not possess the ability to adopt on our own the right decisions capable of guaranteeing Iraq's rights," he added without elaborating.

The Iraqi minister accused Iran of pursuing a policy of price reductions, easy credit and harsher terms "in a desperate attempt to increase oil exports and prop up its collapsing economy."

Taieh warned other OPEC members against "slipping into the footsteps of Iran," whom he said was "proving day by day its shift from the Third World and adopting policies serving the interests of imperialism and Zionism."

"The current slump in oil demand cannot justify individual and futile attempts (at increasing crude sales), which only serve to hurt committed OPEC members and to create unnecessary confusion in the oil market," Taieh said.

He said that industrialized nations were using their "tremendous reserves" of petroleum to threaten the very existence of OPEC at a time of stagnant market conditions. "Because of all this, Iraq has called for an extraordinary OPEC ministerial meeting before the end of this month to consult on current conditions and indicators, with a view to coordinating stands and adopting necessary measures," he said.

"Iran's official decision to undercut prices is a clear violation of the last OPEC ministerial conference in Abu Dhabi, which fixed the price of Iranian light at \$34.20 and Iranian

heavy at \$32.30," Taieh said. "The latest OPEC decision to unify light benchmark price at \$34 was one of the most difficult in its history," Taieh added.

Statements from Iran Thursday indicated the Iranians may stop their undercutting of the price at the present level of \$32.20, with the spot market price already down to the \$30 mark.

Taieh said Iran's actions undermined OPEC "at a time when we are in dire need of discipline."

Meanwhile, in New York, the president of Exxon Corporation, H.C. Kaufmann, said Friday, demand for oil in the non-Communist world will decline again this year "but much less than the four percent drop registered in 1981."

In remarks prepared for a meeting of experts in Los Angeles, the president of the world's biggest oil company said the projection was based on expectations that the U.S. economy would begin to improve later this year, that European recovery would continue and Japan's growth would improve in 1982. Next year should bring further improvement, and this recovery "should lead to a resumption of growth in oil demand — perhaps on the order of 1.5 to two percent (in 1983) — to a level of about 49 million barrels a day," Kaufmann said.

He said Exxon was sticking with its prediction of a year ago that world economic growth would average about three percent a year over the next 20 years.

lead the trade bloc in joblessness. Other countries in double digits were Britain with 11.8 percent compared to 11.3 percent, Ireland 12 percent compared to 11.5 percent and Denmark which jumped from 9.7 percent in December to 10.7 percent in January.

France went from 98.9 percent to 9.0 percent, Italy from 9.8 percent to 9.9 percent, the Netherlands jumped from 9.1 percent to 9.4 percent and in Greece, where unemployment benefits are not as widespread, the rate rose from 1.8 percent to 2.1 percent.

About 100 more persons in tiny Luxembourg were without jobs in January than in December, not enough to change the 1.3 percent jobless rate for both months.

Damascus streets infested by troops

DAMASCUS, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The main streets of the Syrian capital were still thickly infested by troops and militia Friday following Thursday's bomb attack on a building near the city outskirts that houses the ruling Baath Party's newspaper and offices of the Information Ministry.

One person was killed and 40 others were injured when more than 220 lbs of explosives in a small utility vehicle were detonated in a parking area outside the 10-floor building. The van roared into the parking lot at top speed, the driver shooting at security guards to clear the way. Seconds later, the van exploded.

The blast left a crater three meters wide, ripped the concrete facing from the building, and shattered windows within a radius of two blocks. Security sources indicated Friday that the driver had apparently been heading for

Weinberger-Haig rift denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan said Friday there were no policy differences on the Middle East between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Reagan told a press conference that the two men were in touch with each other during separate foreign trips last week and "there is no difference in policy between them." Press reports, particularly on the Weinberger trip to three Arab countries, said the defense secretary appeared to be taking a tougher line than Haig toward Israel.

Apparently referring to these reports, the president said that because of the "overblown way" in which the two trips were treated, he had reassured Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin about U.S. policy. Reagan, who wrote a letter to Begin Tuesday, said he told him that "there is no change in our approach toward Israel and our dedication to the welfare of Israel."

In Los Angeles, Weinberger told a press conference that reports of a feud between

the garage under the building when the bomb exploded prematurely.

The bombing was the first serious incident since a running battle Feb. 2 between the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and government troops in the northern town of Hama.

Despite the blast, *Al-Baath* appeared in the newsstands as usual Friday. Journalists said the paper's basement presses had not been affected by the bomb.

Al-Baath gave no new details of the blast, merely printing Thursday report by the official Syrian news agency Sana which said no one had been killed and only a few persons were injured in the blast. The report said the man who planted the bomb, who was killed by security guards, was a member of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and alleged that he was an agent of Israel and the United States.

him and Haig were "just plain wrong."

Reagan reiterated that Weinberger did not bring back a request from King Hussein of Jordan to buy U.S. weapons, adding that if such a request were made "we'll deal with it."

In Palm Beach, Florida, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter chided the Reagan administration Thursday night for having "a confused policy on the Middle East" and failing to lead in the defense of human rights.

Carter addressed about 400 members of the National United Jewish Appeal, a nonprofit organization that raises funds for social-welfare programs in Israel. "What concerns me is we have a subtle change in values..." Carter said in a 20-minute speech, in which he never mentioned President Ronald Reagan by name. "I believe in a strong defense...but I tried to maintain a policy of not emphasizing military power to the rest of the world above and beyond the values that do not change."

"Now, I'm sorry to say that American policy on the Middle East is very confused," he said.

To discipline staff

Turkey bars keeping beard

ANKARA, Feb. 19 (R) — The Turkish government has ordered all male state employees to shave daily and not grow beard.

It told women workers to keep their hair neatly combed and wear stockings but over short or slit skirts.

The regulations, published in the official government gazette Thursday appeared to reflect the government's desire not only to discipline but to eradicate political or religious symbols associated with hairstyles or dress.

The regulations said women should not wear conspicuous make-up or an excess of

perfumes or jewelry and that men should wear neckties and not sport moustaches which droop beyond the upper lip or at the sides.

The reference to the shape of moustaches was clearly aimed at banning the custom, prevalent before the 1980 coup, of growing hair or moustaches according to whether the person was a left or right-winger.

The fact that beards were banned and that women were told to keep their heads uncovered appeared to be aimed at stressing Turkey's secularism despite the fact that 98 percent of Turks are Muslims.

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Committee for blind aids 26 agencies

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Assistance was given to more than 26 Arab and international organizations, to help the blind and the handicapped, between 1980 and 1981, by the Permanent Regional Office of the Middle East Committee for the Blind.

Committee President Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ghanem, who is also director of the regional office here, said that the office secured financial aid to these organizations from the Saudi government, besides other aids in kind.

Assistance was given to the Society for the Blind in Mali; the International Fund for the Handicapped and the Society for the Blind in Guatemala; the Society for the Blind in Senegal; the Welfare Society for the Blind in Lebanon; the Doha Association for the Development of Human Capabilities in Lebanon; and the Sound Library in Taipei.

Other societies that received aid include the National Association for the Handicapped in Tunisia; the Alawia Society for the Welfare of the Handicapped in Morocco; and other associations in Syria, Jordan, North Yemen, France, Pakistan and Malaysia.

The Saudi government is keen on educating and guiding the handicapped to enable them play their role fully in the society. Sheikh Abdullah told the SPA Friday. The Saudi government's interest in the welfare of the handicapped is also part of its overall health, social, educational and economic policies. The government cares not only for its own handicapped, but also for those of neighboring and foreign countries, he said.

Prompted by this spirit, the Saudi government heavily subsidized the office when it was set up in 1973 by the World Council for

the Handicapped which also established the Middle East committee. Five member countries of the committee fund the office's budgets: Saudi Arabia 45 percent; the United Arab Emirates, 25 percent; Qatar, 11 percent; Kuwait, 10 percent; and Bahrain, five percent. These countries voluntarily opted to finance the budget.

The office was mainly established to prepare special scientific research on the handicapped and to circulate them among the member states; and to further ensure coordination among the international conferences sponsored by the world council for the handicapped and those arranged by the Middle East committee. The office also grants scholarships and follows up the recommendations of conferences held by the Middle East committee and similar international conferences.

Moreover, the office ensures coordination and the exchange of expertise among member states in regard to the affairs of the handicapped and the extension of technical material and moral assistance to member states of the Middle East committee members. It also strives to improve the standard of services offered to the handicapped in the health, educational, information, social and training fields.

Achievements of the office include the establishment of the Al-Noor Institute for the Blind in Bahrain in 1974, in which more than 120 Gulf students are now enrolled. The institute provides proper vocational training and ensures jobs for its graduates. The office also set up the Regional Vocational and Training Center for Handicapped Women in Jordan in 1975. More than 50 women are now receiving

training at the center.

Furthermore, the office gave financial and technical assistance to a similar center set up in Sanaa in 1976. It also set up Braille printing houses in 1973 and a Braille library in 1976. The library also has more than 400 books recorded in 300 tapes of 12 hours with six channels in each. As each channel lasts two hours, the total recording time is 3,600 hours.

Agricultural bank loans SR1.76b

RIYADH, Feb. 19 — More than 22,000 loans have been awarded this year by the Saudi Agricultural Bank for various projects involving chicken, eggs, livestock breeding and agriculture, according to Dr. Muhammad Habib Abdul Karim, director of the bank's research and studies department.

Dr. Abdul Karim told *Al-Riyadh* Thursday that, whereas the bank gave 625 loans for a total value of SR4.38 million when it was opened in 1964, its credit capacity extended to 22,831 loans amounting to SR1.767 billion this year.

The number of poultry farms which produce eggs now exceeds 146 with an annual productive capacity of 695,343 eggs. This covers some 77.18 percent of local consumption. Another 110 projects under implementation will produce an additional 923,387,218 eggs per annum. Loans of SR100 million have been extended for such projects.

Chicken farms also now number 157 with a total capacity of 39.8 million birds, established at a cost of SR209 million. Another 72 similar projects are under way to produce 51.6 million chickens a year.

Eleven major dairy projects are producing annually 23,315 tons of dairy products and cover 11 percent of local fresh liquid milk consumption. Another 21 dairy projects are under implementation with an expected annual capacity of 62,880 tons.

Regarding annual husbandry projects, Habib said there are two of them with a productive capacity of 79,460 head of cattle. Additional six projects are under implementation with an estimated capacity of 216,000 head of cattle at a cost of SR30 million. Three existing sheep breeding projects and 10 others currently under implementation are expected to produce 38,500 head of sheep.

There are three calf breeding projects;

Rain-hit areas visited

ASIR, Feb. 19 (SPA) — Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal inspected Friday areas which suffered from floods in Tihama region. Wadi Dale, Makhadba, Wadi Marda, Wadi Atoud, Kahdara, Qasbah, and Darb were hit by heavy rains last Saturday, the first of its kind.

The governor said that King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd ordered immediate relief to the victims of the floods. He conveyed the King's and crown Prince's concern and said that they had instructed him to inspect the damage done to lives and properties.

Rain-hit areas visited

two are under implementation with an estimated capacity of 420,000 head of cattle every year.

The present 12 greenhouses produce 3,783 tons of tomatoes and cucumbers annually. A further boost of 2,887 tons a year will be realized when the 44 greenhouses projects now under construction are completed. About 9,700 tons of wheat and 24,700 tons green fodders are produced annually by 16 projects, in addition to 600 tons of peanuts. Eight more farms are being established to produce 18,130 tons of wheat and 131,664 tons of fodder.

There are two fisheries projects which are actually producing 1,000 tons of fish per year. Agriculture projects are two producing 10,000 kgs. of honey per year. Another three are being implemented and are expected to produce 18,759 tons of honey annually.

BRIEFS

DAMMAM (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi held a luncheon party here Friday, in honor of Sheikh Hamad bin Issa Al-Khalifa, Bahrain's heir apparent.

JEDDAH (SPA) — The second session of the Saudi-Italian Joint Commission will start its meeting here Sunday to discuss various aspects of cooperation between the two countries.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Sri Lankan Communications and Religious Affairs Minister Muhammad Haniffa Muhammad returned here from Madinah Thursday, after paying a visit to the Mosque of the Holy Prophet.

RIYADH (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, president of the Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, opens the first orientation course for students abroad, at the High Institute for Islamic Call Saturday.

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:35	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:53	3:24	3:09	3:34	4:02
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:22	6:20	5:51	5:36	6:01	6:29
Isha (Night)	7:52	7:50	7:21	7:06	7:31	7:59

Arab Health '82 opens today

By Mamir Muhammad
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 19 — The city becomes a center for the largest health exhibition in the Middle East Saturday as the Arab Health '82 opens at the Jeddah Expo Center. The exhibition, organized jointly by Fairs and Exhibitions of London and Al-Harithy of Jeddah, has attracted some 450 companies from 20 countries.

The Ministry of Health lent support to the five-day exhibition which has already secured backing from the governments of Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany and the United Kingdom, which entered through national groups.

The ministry will put up a wing at the fair demonstrating its achievements. A spokesman for the organizers said Friday that the ministry's stand will comprise photographs and models of its activities in addition to medical instruments it produces.

"This occasion will undoubtedly encourage mutual understanding by providing a unique opportunity for leading Saudi specialists to assess the latest products and services of the health care industry at first hand," Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi said in a message of support to the organizers.

Independent companies from the Kingdom, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Japan, Portugal, Ireland, Spain and

the United States are taking part in the exhibition. Display of equipment will range from sophisticated electronic monitoring and detection devices to simple dressings and disposables. Health service firms also will offer hospital planning, engineering, staffing and recruitment.

The exhibition will be opened at 7 p.m. by Dr. Fuad Zahran, dean of the faculty of medicine at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University. The college will be further involved in the health care exhibition by sponsoring a series of specialist seminars.

The seminars centering on traffic accidents' prevention and treatment, renal disease, parasitology and paediatrics will also be held at Jeddah expo Feb. 23 and 24, according to the spokesman. The seminar will be addressed by Western specialists and Saudi Arabian professors.

The Kingdom is an increasingly attractive market for the world health care industry. As it is rapidly developing, the government concentrated on the human factor during the current Third Five-Year Development Plan. The total allocations for the health ministry during the plan which began in 1980 amount to SR34.9 billion.

The health ministry was allocated SR4.038 billion in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

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Road Traffic Accidents; Renal Disease;
Parasitology; Paediatrics.

The seminars are open to all members of the medical professions—admission free. Further details can be obtained from the ARAB HEALTH 82 Seminar Desk at Al-Harithy's office from Saturdays to Wednesdays between 1630-1930 hours.

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Arab interior ministers to approve council statute

Naif to chair session; open center

RIYADH, Feb. 19 (SPA) — An extraordinary session for Arab Interior ministers will take place here Monday opened and presided over by Interior Minister Prince Naif, current chairman of the Arab interior ministers conference.

The topic of discussion will be to approve the statute of the Arab Interior Minister's Council. Participants are expected to start arriving by Saturday.

The Arab interior ministers had stressed the need to establish a permanent council during their three previous conferences. The council, aimed at achieving a comprehensive security coordination, will have an executive bureau and a secretariat general.

The Arab Social Defense Organization's secretariat general has been entrusted with preparing the statute for the interior ministers' council. Prince Naif, in his capacity as the current chairman, urged the Arab ministers to discuss and approve their proposed statute for which the extra-ordinary session has been called.

Jafr organizes cultural competition

AHSA, Feb. 19 (SPA) — A cultural competition will be organized Sunday by the Social Development Center of Jafr, Ahia Region, where it operates, according to its acting director, Abdullah Abdul Kader, Friday.

He said that the center is currently engaged in various social activities including encouragement to planting of citrus trees and some vegetables, distributing chemical fertilizers

Prince Naif will also dedicate the official headquarters of the Arab Security Studies and Training Center in Riyadh Monday. The event will be attended by the Arab interior ministers.

Dr. Farouk Murad, head of the center and director general of the interior ministry's crime combating research center, said Friday that the center will be built on an area of 160,000 sq. meters to accommodate administrative offices, training classes, 13 laboratories, a security information center, a computer room, a printing press, a mosque and a helipad. Various sports facilities will also be attached, he said.

Murad added that the center will incorporate a 200-bed hotel to house trainees, instructors and officials. The center will accommodate 150 trainees at a time, he said. Study will be conducted on the basis of specialist training courses which will be organized for various course topics. Each course will have its own instructors' staff and a program.

Professors, senior officers and experts in

and hybrid seeds to farmers. The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has contributed SR50,000 reward this program, he said.

The center is establishing a model nursery where farmers are to be trained on the best methods for starting and organizing a nursery. Other activities include training farmers on the use of modern agricultural machinery and fighting pests.

various fields from the Kingdom and Arab and foreign countries will teach in the center. Admission to the center will be through invitations to the member countries, courses will be governed according to their requirements. Murad said, "Every Arab citizen has the right to work at the center according to his experience, specialization and the availability of suitable vacant posts," he said.

The center opened many job opportunities

during the 1981-82 fiscal year, these were occupied by Saudis and youth from the various Arab countries. Financial contribution toward the maintenance of the center is based on the same percentage which each state provides in the Arab League's budget.

Murad said that the center's chairman is Prince Naif and he had appointed an executive president.

Islamic peace panel to meet here

RABAT, Feb. 19 (SPA) — The Islamic Peace Committee to solve the Iraqi-Iranian conflict will meet in Jeddah at the end of February or beginning of March, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the organization of the Islamic Conference, has announced.

High on the agenda will be the drawing up of a plan of action to restore peace between Iran and Iraq, Chatti added. He told newsmen here Wednesday that the Islamic world stood by the Arabs in any collective decision they might take to confront Israel.

At the same time, the OIC chief deplored the decision of the European Parliament's political committee to meet in occupied Jerusalem. Such a decision angers Muslims and Arabs alike, especially as the European Economic Community does not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, he said. In fact, it is inconceivable that European countries move their embassies from Jerusalem and at the same time, declare in Venice that they support Arab claims and the Palestinian people's rights, he added.



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Cheysson supports Palestinian state

ABU DHABI, Feb. 19 (AP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson was quoted here Friday as supporting "for the first time since President Francois Mitterrand came to power, creation of a Palestinian state in the presently Israeli-occupied Arab territories."

"A Palestinian state must be set up in occupied territories, which should be vacated according to the (November 1967 U.N.) Security Council Resolution 242," Cheysson said in an interview with the United Arab Emirates News Agency. The interview was distributed here a few hours before Cheysson arrived here on a two-day visit.

The French foreign minister pledged France will join efforts, "when the opportunity comes," to include clear U.N. stipulations on Palestinian rights to self-determination and a state of their own. "These two principles are not present in any U.N. resolution on the Middle East so far," Cheysson said. He heatedly defended France's Mideast policies against Arab critics. "Why don't you treat us like our European partners, who are farther than we are from the Arab position," Cheysson asked.

"We were and are being criticized more

sharply than the others," he said. "even though we voted with the Arabs at the U.N. Security Council for turning the issue (of Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights) to the General Assembly."

Editorials have been criticizing the negative vote by the U.S., European nations and Japan against a U.N. General Assembly resolution earlier this month calling for sanctions against Israel because of its Golan annexation.

France, however, is being doubly criticized for a planned spring trip to Israel by Mitterrand, expected to include a visit to the occupied Syrian Heights. Last month, Cheysson made statements, during a visit to Egypt, which some Arab states found objectionable because they implied Europe should not take any active role in Mideast peacemaking.

The Egypt trip was to have been followed by visits to a number of Gulf countries, but this was skipped due to what was described at the time as urgent engagements.

Since then, a number of dates were mentioned for resumption of the tour, with Feb. 22 suggested for a Kuwait visit. All failed to materialize with the exception of the U.A.E. trip.

Kyprianou confers with Papandreou

ATHENS, Feb. 19 (R) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou arrived in Athens Friday and began talks concerning the island with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou.

A Greek government spokesman said an announcement of the outcome of the talks would be issued after they ended Saturday. The spokesman also stressed that the sudden visit of Kyprianou and his foreign minister, Nicos Ronandis, should not cause concern.

An official Greek announcement Thursday said reports of possible developments in the Cyprus issue necessitated the meeting.

The spokesman said Friday these developments were of a positive nature, not a negative one.

Meanwhile, there was speculation that an official visit by Papandreou to Cyprus from Feb. 27 to March 1 might be postponed as a result of the talks, although a spokesman said his plans for the visit had not changed.

Greeks see the Turkish Cypriot press suggesting obliquely that its side of the divided island might react to the Papandreou visit by declaring an independent Turkish Cypriot state in the north of the island.

Lebanon urges U.N. Council to increase UNIFIL forces

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Lebanon has asked the U.N. Security Council to increase the size of the United Nations Truce Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) by 1,000 men.

In a letter to Security Council President Sir Anthony Parsons of Britain, Lebanese U.N. representative Ghassan Tuani also repeated Thursday his country's demand for a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the frontier zone in southern Lebanon where UNIFIL has never been able to operate despite a council mandate.

The Security Council was expected to meet early next week to review the situation in southern Lebanon. Tuani reminded the council that in addition to the withdrawal of Israeli forces, his government sought a clearer definition of the means UNIFIL was entitled to use in legitimate self-defense and to prevent hostilities.

He also called for the re-implementation of the 1949 Lebanese-Israeli armistice agreement and for a council resolution to back a program aimed at UNIFIL helping the Lebanese government deploy its own forces in the region.

Mahathir to visit Gulf states

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad will visit Bahrain next Saturday at the start of a 10-day tour of the Gulf states which will also take him to the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Mahathir said Friday the visit was to strengthen cooperation between Malaysia and the Arab countries in the fields of religion, commerce, education and investments. The visit to the Gulf states was also a follow-up of the recent visits of the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong (Malaysian King) to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, he added.

Mahathir also said that he would visit Thailand and Bangladesh in April. Other trips would be to Japan, Papua-New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji in the third quarter of the year, he added. The visits were in line with Malaysia's foreign policy that gave priority to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). Islamic and nonaligned countries, he said.

Asked whether he would visit the Western countries, including Britain and the United States, the prime minister said, "My visit to the Gulf states can be considered as toward the West."

Turkey seeks death penalty for 60

ANKARA, Feb. 19 (AP) — Military prosecutors Friday demanded the death penalty for 60 defendants in three separate trials involving underground leftist gangs.

In a martial law court in the Aegean coastal city of Izmir, 168 suspected members of the leftist gang Dev-Yol (revolutionary path) went on trial on charges of killing 14 persons, responsibility for bombings, robberies, armed resistance against security forces and attempting to overthrow the constitutional order by force.

The prosecutor asked the death penalty for 42 members of the gang and prison terms for the rest of the defendants. Other members of

Dev-Yol, which is charged for scores of killings throughout Turkey between 1976 and 1981, stand trial in martial law courts at various localities in Turkey, including Istanbul, Adana and Erzurum.

In a martial law court trial in Istanbul, four members of another leftist gang, the Union Road, face the death penalty on identical charges. In another Istanbul military trial the prosecutor is demanding the death penalty for 14 suspected Kurdish separatists. According to the indictment, the 42 defendants belonged to a Kurdish separatist group known as Kawa (rebirth).

'Progress being made'

Fairbanks holds talks with Begin on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The new U.S. special envoy to the Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian autonomy said Friday that progress was being made in the long drawn-out negotiations.

Richard Fairbanks, recently appointed by Secretary of State Alexander Haig as U.S. representative at the talks, met Prime Minister Menachem Begin for an hour Friday. Fairbanks said later: "We have some important issues to resolve but progress is being made." Fairbanks is due to leave Sunday for Cairo where the next autonomy talks will be held Feb. 28. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who will visit Cairo next Monday, will also discuss the autonomy negotiations with the Egyptians.

Fairbanks, on his first trip to the Middle East since his appointment, told reporters after talks with Begin that U.S., Israeli and Egyptian working teams will meet in Cairo "in about 10 days," for talks on self-rule for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "The autonomy process is moving forward... We have some important issues to resolve but we are happy with the progress," Fairbanks said.

During his visit, he met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, chief autonomy negotiator Yosef Burg and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. The working teams will discuss the size and jurisdiction of a Palestinian council to be set up in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another issue, whether or not East Jerusalem Arabs would participate in the Palestinian Council, will be discussed later, Fairbanks said.

Meanwhile, isolated incidents were reported on the West Bank. In Qalandia refugee camp, assailants smashed the windshield of a passing Israeli bus, a military spokesman said. Israeli radio reported several youths were arrested for smashing the windshield of

an army truck in the West Bank's largest town Nablus. Three other Palestinian youths were arrested for painting anti-Israel slogans on public buildings in the village of Tulkharm. Disturbances over the closure of Bir Zeit University was growing. The university was closed for the second time in three months after students attacked two visiting Israeli education officials.

Libya-Tunisia case verdict due Wednesday

THE HAGUE, Feb. 19 (R) — The International Court of Justice said Friday it would announce its judgment next Wednesday in a dispute between Tunisia and Libya over the delimitation of the continental shelf shared by them.

The case was submitted to the court in December, 1978, after a row flared up in June, 1977, over an American oil platform set up by Libya. Both countries claimed rights on the shelf and accused each other of sending troops and warships to the exploratory rig.

The World Court, a United Nations body, was asked to determine what principles and rules of international law could be applied by experts of the two countries to delimit the areas. Last September, Tunisia told the court that its future economic development depended on the outcome of the dispute.

Salimbenighazi, Tunisian ambassador to the Netherlands at the time, said his country's oil wells could dry up before long and it was therefore vital for Tunisia to know what its future oil exploration rights were.

Senators oppose arms for Jordan

By Nan B. Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 — Anticipating a White House proposal to sell arms to Jordan, 23 U.S. Senators have signed a letter to President Reagan asking him to delay any immediate sale.

The letter states that the sale of fighter planes and anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan "could dramatically change the balance of power in the Middle East and increase the overall stability of the region." "We urge you to announce immediately and publicly that the proposal to sell arms to Jordan will not be developed further until after congressional consultation," the senators wrote.

The appeal — written by Sen. Gary Hart, Democrat of Colorado, and signed by five Republicans and 18 Democrats — was a reaction to statements made by Secretary of Defense Weinberger on his recent trip to the Middle East. During talks with King Hussein of Jordan, Weinberger implied that the Reagan administration would be ready to "take on the Congress" to obtain approval for arms sales to Jordan.

In 1975, congressional approval of missile systems to Jordan was given only on the condition that the wheels be removed and that the missiles be operational from a fixed position. This was to insure that the missiles would not be mobilized at Israel. This action was interpreted by King Hussein as a direct affront to him. Jordanian sources report that the king, who told Weinberger that he would not change his mind about purchasing missiles from the Soviets, is very reluctant to run the risk of another humiliation at the hands of

the U.S. Congress.

A spokesman for Senator Hart told Arab News that the Senator was more concerned about the administration's handling of the issue than about the advisability of the arms sales. "The Senator does not believe that American foreign policy should be conducted in an impromptu airport press conference," the aide said, referring to Weinberger statements. "He is also very concerned that arms sales have become a major foreign policy tool of this administration."

BRIEFS

MANAMA, (AP) — Morocco has denied that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig discussed the possibility of U.S. military bases in Morocco during a visit to the North African Arab country earlier this month.

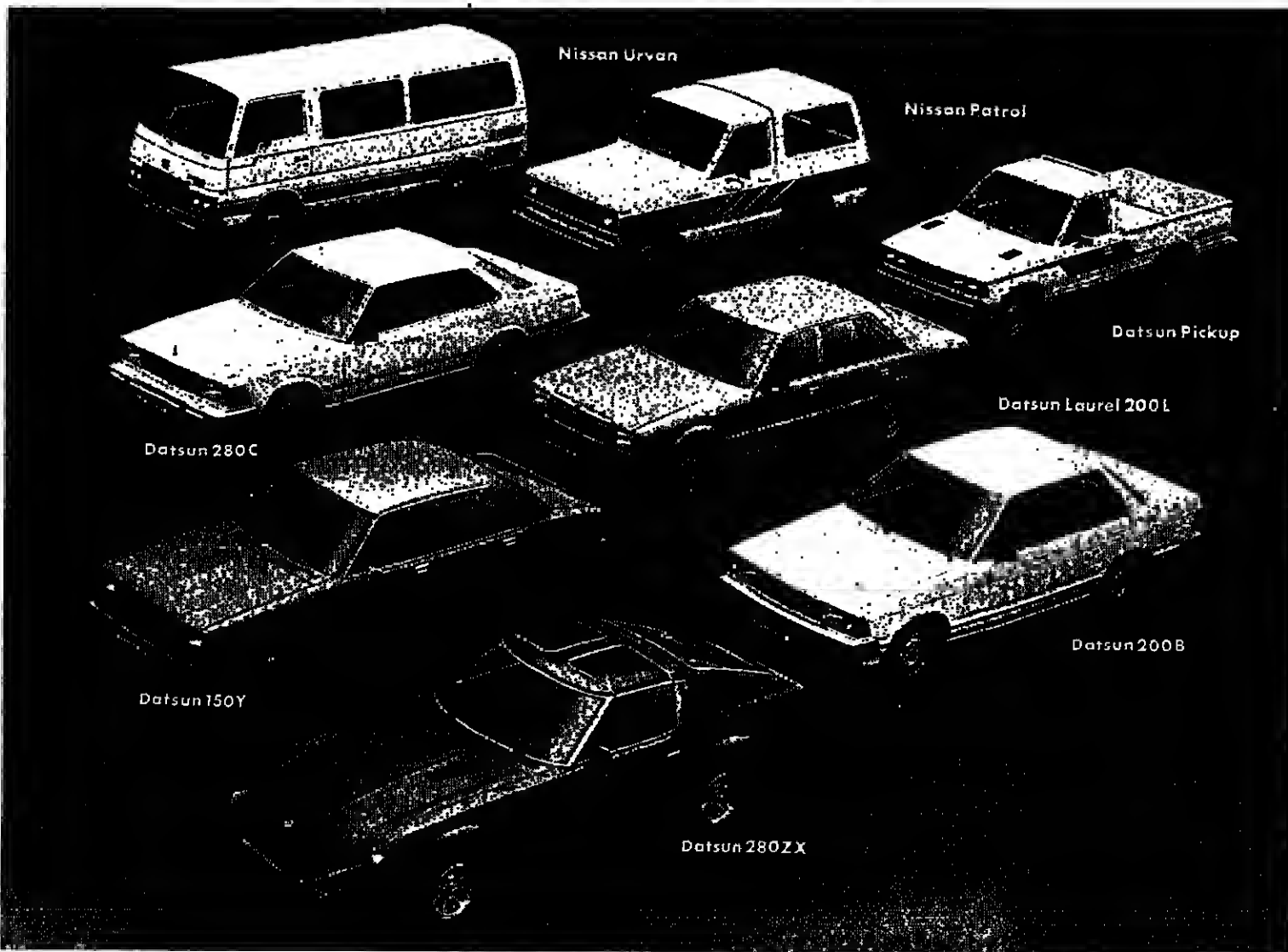
KUWAIT, (AP) — Kuwait denied Friday that it was financing with Saudi Arabia, \$2.5 billion worth of new arms purchases by Jordan. "Our commitment to supporting the steadfastness of the Arab states are clear, as spelled out in (previous) Arab summit decisions," Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul-Aziz Hussein told the newspaper *Al-Qabas*. "Outside of this, there are no other commitments."

UNITED NATIONS, (AP) — Olof Palme of Sweden, U.N. special envoy on the conflict between Iran and Iraq, declared here Thursday night that it was time that the "very cruel war" ended.

TUNIS, (AFP) — Visiting French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy Friday met President of Tunisia Habib Bourguiba.

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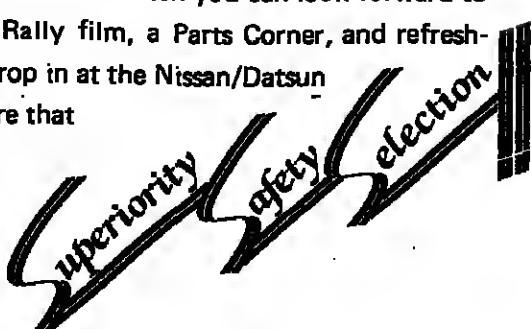
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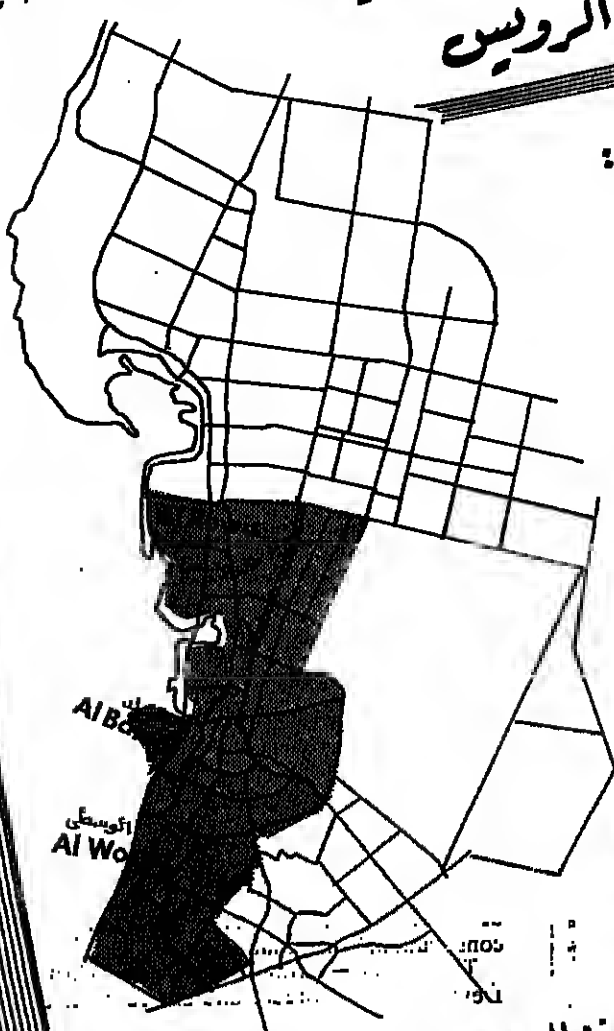
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AFTER SINAI'S RETURN

There is a growing conviction in many Arab capitals that April 25, the day on which Israel is to hand back the rest of the Sinai to Egypt, will inaugurate a new phase in the relations between Egypt and the rest of the Arab world. From that day on, so goes the view, Egypt's long trek back to the Arab fold will start.

That of course will not mean that President Mubarak will terminate what has become known as the 'peace process' between Egypt and Israel. It is only that Egypt's view of its undertakings, and the steps that it deems necessary for a real peace, will not remain, as in the past, hostage to the Israeli and American interpretation.

The Egyptian president has already given clear signs of the impending policy departure. The most important of these has been the statement made during his visit to Europe, in which he said that Egypt is ready to extend its hand to any Arab country wishing to reciprocate, and that relations between Egypt and the Arab world ought to center not on the issue of the Camp David accords, but that of the search for a comprehensive settlement in the area.

The present Egyptian view of such a settlement has already been made explicit by President Mubarak: its cornerstone is the restoration of the right of the Palestinian people to their land, together with the principle that no one can speak for the Palestinians in the matter of determining their destiny.

The view has earned the Egyptian president appreciation from elements within the Palestine Liberation Organization, who have added their support to the call heard in some Arab capitals that Egypt has to be given time to work its way back to the Arab line up — a call which is the more urgent in the light of Begin's persistently expansionist and aggressive line, as well of President Reagan's evident reluctance to effectively curb or moderate it.

Saudi Arabian press review

Prospects for a new Israeli assault on the Arab world, the resumption of work by the Islamic Good Offices Committee to bring peace between Iraq and Iran, and the hostile campaign waged by the Iranian regime against the Arab world figured for editorial comments in Friday's newspapers.

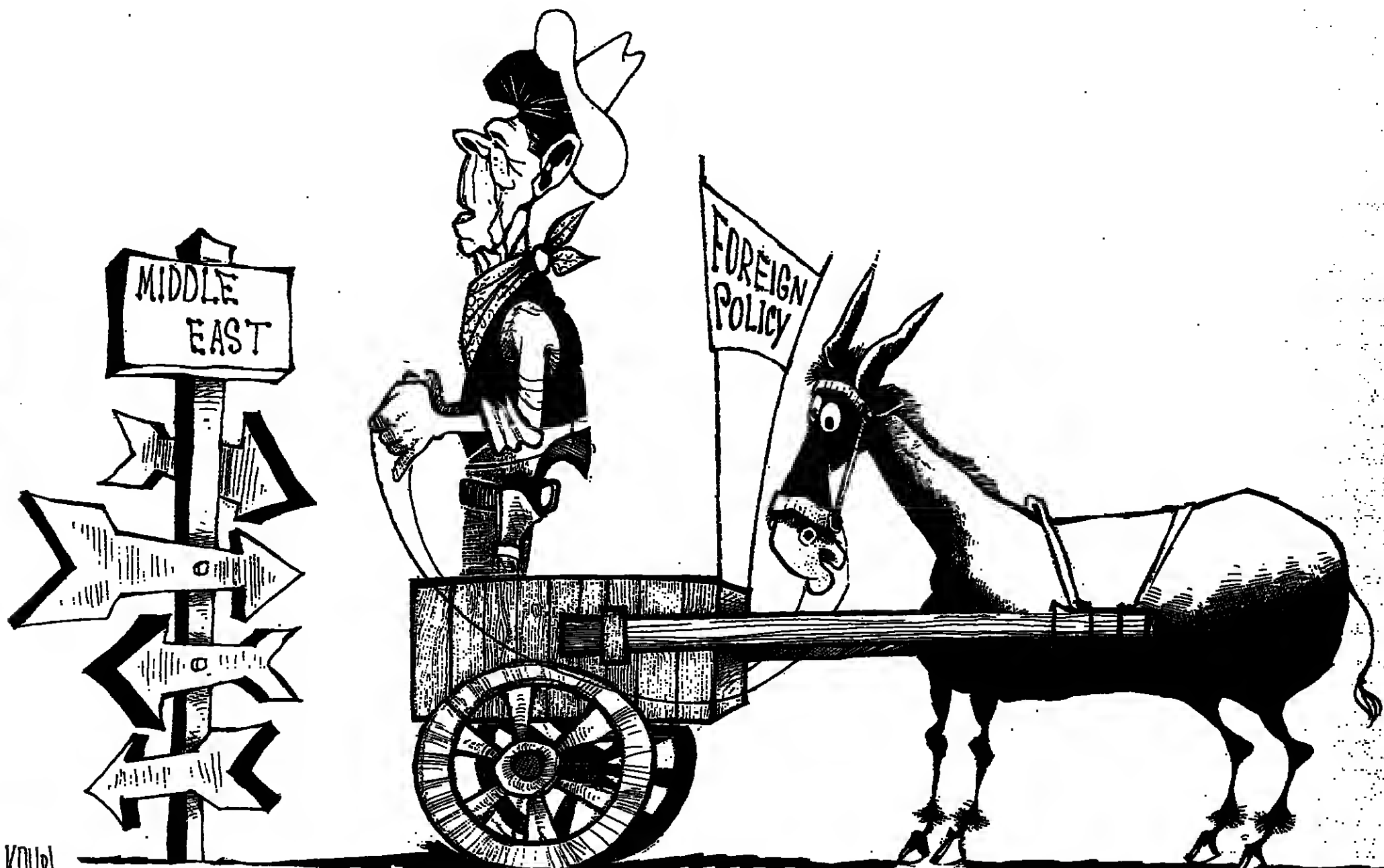
Referring to an imminent Israeli strike against the Arabs, *Al Madinah* warned the Arab nation not to belittle the threatening remarks given recently by the Zionist War Minister Ariel Sharon. "The deteriorating Arab situation and lack of Arab solidarity in such a crucial stage are similar to those during the previous Zionist assaults against the Arabs," the paper said.

It urged immediate Arab moves at all levels, the establishment of a military joint Arab front and an international Arab information campaign to deter any Zionist Arab territories. It also called upon the Arab states to shoulder their historic responsibility in defending and preserving their independence, integrity, sovereignty and existence in the face of the Israeli danger which is knocking at their doors.

Referring to the Islamic Good Offices Committee which will resume its work early next month to bring the 18-month Iraqi-Iranian war into a halt and the readiness of Iraq and Iran to respond to the committee efforts, *Al-Jazirah* said the continuity of the war between the two Islamic states has exhausted their potentials and resources which are badly needed for reinforcing their eastern front against Israeli challenges.

Urging Iran to respond to the committee's efforts and the call of the Islamic leaders of Taif Islamic Summit led by King Khaled, the paper said: "If this happens, then the Arab and Islamic nation will restore its striking capability to back the Palestinian issue, restore Jerusalem and the whole occupied Arab lands and at the same time help the Muslim Afghan people to liberate their country from the yoke of Communist occupation."

Al-Jazirah denounced the hostile stance of the Tehran regime against the Arab and Islamic nation. "The Iranian regime, led by Khomeini, is still insisting on continuing war against Iraq in spite of his daily defeats." — (SPA)



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Political reasons prompt revision of U.S. extradition laws

By Catherine Raisa
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U.S. State Department is moving under the "banner of anti-terrorism" in its drive to revise current U.S. extradition laws and treaties, according to Dr. Richard A. Falk, professor of international law at Princeton University. Abdeen Jabarra, U.S. attorney for the young Palestinian Ziad Abu Eain recently extradited to Israel, agreed that the State Department, from the beginning, was not going to let Abu Eain be allowed to stay in the United States for his own political purposes.

Jabarra told *Arab News* that although there was an anti-Arab bias in the court in Chicago that heard Abu Eain's case, the State Department actively moved to convince the federal magistrate there that Abu Eain's extradition was necessary. The State Department's involvement in the trial underscores its determination to clamp down on political dissent in countries whose governments are repressive but nonetheless friendly to the United States. Israel is a good case in point.

"It was 110 percent a political decision to extradite Abu Eain Dec. 12," said Jabarra. "The State Department was keeping with its decision to get judicial precedent in its war against international terrorism," and to reverse what it felt was a recent blow to that war."

Jabarra cited that a federal court in California in May 1979 had denied the extradition of a self-admitted member of the IRA (McMullen) who confessed that he had placed a bomb in a British barracks which had exploded. In the McMullen decision, the court was allowed to determine independently and objectively a political crime from a criminal one, said Jabarra. He added that the State Department directly interfered in Abu Eain's court hearing in Chicago and deliberately influenced the federal magistrate to claim Abu Eain extraditable on the basis of his "criminal actions."

It is difficult to discern whether the reasons for Abu Eain's extradition were caused by the anti-Arab bias prevalent in many U.S. government agencies or by the State Department's political interference. The fact that both the State Department and the court accepted the substantial evidence convicting Abu Eain of planting a bomb in a Tiberius

marketplace, said Falk, revealed "a climate of opinion that is hostile to the Palestinians." However, both Jabarra and Falk agree that the State Department's motives transcended the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Said Falk, "The State Department's actions show a broader tendency to move more aggressively and politically in all respects against individuals in foreign countries."

"One of the things that I think has been good about the American political experience has been its protection of the rights of non-Americans," said Falk. In the past, American philosophy behind extradition laws and treaties has been that treaty governments should cooperate and not let suspected criminals become fugitives of justice by going to foreign countries. The United States has always stipulated that people who are political opponents of the government in power should not be treated like criminals and can claim political exception to extradition.

The American federal courts have traditionally held the right to deny extradition to a requesting country when a person is accused of a political crime. Ordinarily, the guidelines for postulating a political offense is when a person is charged with conduct that is an exercise of a civil liberty, such as freedom of speech or assembly, or the expression of political opposition to a foreign government. Common criminal acts, like an airplane hijacking, murdering a diplomat, or blowing up a public place, which can be connected with a political act and then regarded as an entire political offense, have triggered the State Department to take action against the courts having this prerogative.

The Reagan administration has increasingly taken the position that because extradition decisions have potential adverse consequences on U.S. foreign policy, they should be decided by the executive branch. Secretary of State Alexander Haig petitioned Senator Strom Thurmond, Republican of North Carolina, to sponsor a bill in which the Secretary of State would have unrestricted discretion to decide whether or not a person should be extradited. Thurmond has introduced the bill, the "Extradition Act of 1981," to Congress, and it will be acted on in several weeks.

If the Senate bill is approved, "the individual's rights will be subordinated to the State Department's highly politicized judgment," said Falk. The

department's political judgments can already be seen in the U.S. government sending back refugees from El Salvador and Haiti because of close American support for their repressive governments. On the other hand, the U.S. government welcomes Afghan rebels and Cuban refugees because they are anti-communist. "It is this discrimination based on the politics of the State Department that I object to," said Falk.

There is legislation in the house to oppose Thurmond's bill in the Senate. The house legislation would maintain the present extradition laws and guarantee the right of the individual to have a judicial hearing in U.S. federal courts pending his extradition. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), America's watchdog for the protection of individual rights and liberties under the U.S. Constitution, has come out in strong support for the house legislation.

"The removal of the federal court jurisdiction on determining political offenses is a direct assault on the constitutional protections of American citizens, as well as those more limited rights afforded to foreign nationals," said Wade J. Henderson from the ACLU. He added that because the United States is one of a minority of governments that surrender its own citizens to face trial for alleged crimes committed abroad, adequate judicial protection of civil rights must be retained. Wade added, "The United States should emphasize its commitment to world-wide civil liberties."

Wade told *Arab News* that the Senate bills would undoubtedly subject the extradition process to political manipulation. Wade also said the ACLU opposes extradition of persons for trials in foreign countries which do not afford rights of due process, sufficient to assure a fundamental fair hearing. A congressional source told this reporter that American law would have to be changed to permit an inquiry into the fairness of the procedures in the requesting country. This may be the only chance for persons like Abu Eain, who has evidence to disprove Israeli accusations, but cannot be assured of a fair trial.

In a hearing on extradition legislation on Capitol Hill, Roger M. Olsen from the Justice Department spoke out strongly in support of the State Department to handle all extradition cases. Olsen said, "The United States could be perceived as a haven

for terrorists if every extradition proceeding could result in protracted public hearings on whether or not the requested person committed a political offense." He further added that the courts have never been able to adequately postulate what is and what is not a political crime.

Olsen added that the existing extradition laws and treaties have changed little in the past 100 to 140 years since their original enactment, in spite of the dramatic rise in international criminal activity. Extradition requests have climbed to over 200 per year, according to Olsen who advocates a more efficient procedure for taking care of them at the expense of the individual's rights.

The State Department believes that the courts should not be involved in looking into certain evidence at all because it forces the department to take a position on the nature of conflict in another country, said the congressional source adding insight into the State Department's position. One of the elements developed in the courts, according to the source, is the existence of political uprisings in the country where the offense took place in order to determine a political offense.

For instance, the State Department did not want to tell the court in Chicago hearing Abu Eain's case that there is a civil war in Israel. Nor did it want to tell the California court hearing McMullen's case that there is a civil war in Ireland.

The State Department's conception of what American extradition laws should be will have quite an impact on international relations and on human rights around the world. Already, the political opponents of the Marcos regime are working to prevent Senate ratification of the recently signed U.S.-Philippines Treaty of Extradition. "The treaty does not only serve the interests of the Marcos regime but it is a natural offspring of the Reagan administration's efforts to create the 'proper' domestic climate to support its foreign policy of all-out support for right-wing regimes," said Walden Bello, co-ordinator of the Coalition Against the Marcos Dictatorship, at a press conference in Washington.

Said Falk, "The idea behind the administration is basically to protect American economic and political interests. There are many repressive governments that are friendlier to Washington."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Feb. 20th the 51st day of 1982. There are 314 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1437 — Scotland's King James I is murdered in Scottish city of Perth.

1570 — Lord Hudson defeats Leonard Dacre's army, ending northern rebellion in England.

1631 — German Protestant princes form alliance with Sweden's Gustavus II.

1750 — Prussia's Frederick II expresses alarm over Russian intrigues in Sweden.

1833 — Russian ships enter Bosphorus on way to Constantinople to aid Turkey against Egypt.

1910 — Butros Ghali, premier of Egypt and a copt, is assassinated.

1919 — Ameer of Afghanistan is murdered.

1928 — Britain recognizes independence of Trans-Jordan.

1942 — Japanese invade island of Bal in Dutch East Indies in World War II.

1962 — Astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. Becomes first American to orbit earth.

1964 — Morocco and Algeria sign accord to end border conflict which resulted in troop clashes.

1967 — Indonesia's President Sukarno surrenders all executive power to Gen. Subarto, keeping only the title of president.

1974 — Soviet Union test-fires weapon described as biggest intercontinental ballistic missile in existence.

1975 — Greek Cypriot government calls on United Nations to fix deadline for withdrawal of 40,000 Turkish troops from the island.

1980 — United States announces it will formally boycott Moscow Olympic games to retaliate against Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Thought for Today:
Every body thinks of changing humanity, and nobody thinks of changing himself - Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist (1828-1910).

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CAMELS FOR SALE: Mother and newborn camel for sale together, left, the mother has an identifying brand on her cheek while the man in charge (dallah) stands by with his stick. Right, Youssef Saleh Rashid displays his new baby camel.

Young and old carry on a Saudi Arabian tradition

Idlers, buyers, curious crowd into Thursday Hofuf camel marketplace

By Jean Grant
Alkhabar Bureau

HOFUF — Asked by a new comer to Saudi Arabia why he still kept camels, the old Bedouin angrily replied, "And you, why do you keep your family?" A moment later he turned to a companion and complained, "What stupid questions this one asks."

The white-bearded man was right. Questioning why he raised camels was like asking Jock Ewing of the TV series *Dallas* why he didn't get rid of all the horses and cattle at South Fork ranch.

Hofuf is camel country and has been since before 1913 when Ibn Saud routed 1200 Turkish soldiers from the now-crumbling garrison. Although Dammam is now the capital of the Eastern Province, Hofuf remains the gathering place for the local Bani Hajir, Al Murrah, and Al Awazin tribes.

The four-wheel drive and the pick-up truck, however, are replacing the camel as beast of burden. Can the camel hold its ground before the relentless on-rush of 20th century technological civilization?

"Old men like camels more than the young do," said Khalifah Abdul Mohsen Al Huraib. "But when we grow old and become their age, then we will care as much as they do for camels."

In any case, Al Huraib wasn't about to wait for a white beard before he got a camel. This young man who perhaps ironically

works as a driver, was out at dawn looking for a bargain in a camel at the Hofuf Thursday market. Perhaps the camel is still a safe bet.

"The meat of the camel is good. It makes a man very strong," remarked a shepherd as he looked at the plodding, long-necked beasts. Al Huraib, however, said he didn't plan to slaughter his camel but to keep it in the courtyard of his house and enjoy its milk, that is if he could find one he liked.

Hundreds of idlers and buyers crowded the packed-sand marketplace, the size of two football fields. Many came to socialize and hear the news from the other tribes. At the livestock end of the market, there was a brisk business in sheep, and to a lesser extent in goats, cows, donkeys and horses. Bearded men with clear-cut features and serene and dignified demeanor greet each other respectfully and kiss. Worry beads dangle from the hands of anxious buyers. Everywhere the red-and-white check of the ghutra headress brightens the scene.

Prospective buyers huddled around the camels to be sold. They pat the flanks and legs of the beasts and count their teeth. The man in charge is called the *dallah*. Although there are more than a hundred camels to be sold, "on a good day 10 to 20 change hands," estimated one *dallah*. The *dallah* sells the animals on commission but some owners sell their animals themselves. The female brings a higher price, of course, and

the grown camel more than the baby. Otherwise pricing is by size and weight.

The camels were making a great commotion, groaning, and grinding their teeth. "This is not their happy noise," said Al Huraib. "The camels are disturbed here." How much happier they would be grazing in the desert, peacefully swaying flies with their tufted rope-like tails, searching for a bit of tasty camel thorn, or chewing their cud.

A large group gathered around a mother camel and her offspring who were being sold together. Like all grown camels, the mother was branded; a shape rather like the letter M was impressed on her cheek. A narrow strip of weaving across her back held a net containing her udders. A client took it off to check to see if she was a good milker.

Meanwhile the baby camel stood patiently on its spindly legs, and nuzzled its mother when it could. The baby's fur was as soft as that of the finest Persian lamb, and its velvety eyes glistened behind the long drooping eyelashes that shielded it from the sun.

There were no buyers that day for this mother and her beautiful offspring.

Just outside the walled enclosure, Youssef Saleh Rashid was hoisting a yearling camel he had just purchased. Rashid, who comes from Legrain, about 1/2 hour due east of Hofuf by car, already has one camel at home and wanted another. When asked

why, his friend gave a wide grin, and in an unmistakable gesture drew his index finger swiftly across his throat.

"No," said Rashid, "I will keep this camel and raise it for a wedding. Only then will I slaughter it for meat." He knelt, ripped a strip of soft black veiling, bent one of the young camel's forelegs, and bound it with a piece of *abaya* material. "Or perhaps I will raise it until it is full-grown and then return it to this market, selling it for three times as much as I paid."

There were no women in the marketplace but their sons were out in force. Some teenage entrepreneurs were bawking camel rides to expatriates: SR5 to mount the beast and SR10 to ride it around the market.

As one camel lurched to its feet, the Aramcon in the saddle, yelled. A few minutes later as the creature flopped down on its front legs, sending the expat careening forward in the saddle, he yelled again. Nonetheless he claimed to have enjoyed the swaying waltz of the dromedary often called "the ship of the desert" because of his characteristic pace.

One lively young merchant who claimed to own 150 camels was full of "street smarts." "I'm here to sell, not to talk," he said. "Get your information elsewhere."

The boy's left hand was wrapped in a white bandage, the frayed edges of which were stained with dried blood. A camel had taken its revenge and gotten a good bite

when the boy had struck him earlier in the week. "Horrible beast," grunted the lad as he whacked his camel hard.

Camels are loved as traditional companions while even their owners at the market laughingly said they are ugly and make horrible faces. They are bad-tempered and stubborn. They are snobbish. They spit and have bad breath. They snarl, groan, and make a gurgling roar most unpleasant to hear. In the spring of the year they molt and look positively moth-eaten. The male of the species is pugnacious; as the *dallah* enumerated its virtues, one of the long-necked dromedaries calmly reached out and took a bite out of his neighbor.

Yet these monarchs of the desert have so kindled man's imagination that there are hundreds of proverbs about them. "If the camel gets his nose in the tent, his body will soon follow," is one.

The camel's forbears, so to speak, originated in North America about 40,000,000 years ago. By a million years ago, they had wandered to this part of the world and later vanished from their country of origin.

Bedouin devotion to the camel reflects a time when desert dwellers could not survive without them. Not only did these beasts of burden carry their owners across the burning seas of sands, dromedaries gave them all the essentials of life: milk, meat, wool,

hides, and camel dung for fuel.

Camels can flourish on the coarsest of sparse vegetation. When the feeding is good, they accumulate in their lumps stores of fat which they can draw upon for sustenance in lean times. Blessed with the ability to manufacture water by the oxidation of the fat in their humps, they can carry a load of 500 pounds 25 miles a day for three days without drinking a drop.

At the Hofuf market only the common baggage camel is sold. Their more high-placed cousins, the famous racing camels, are sold in Riyadh.

To get to Hofuf from Dhahran, Dammam, or Khobar, take the road to Abqaiq and Riyadh. After about 1 1/2 hours of driving, a sign indicates a left turn for Hofuf. The scenery improves with rippling sands and sagebrush. Near Hofuf are the great rock formations reminiscent of the Grand Canyon. Pass these, the Saudi Cement Factory is on the left, and a little oasis also on the left. In a few minutes the town of Hofuf will appear. Pass the modern supermarket on the right, the Vocational Training Center, and the Saldon Restaurant. Turn right at the signs for the Five Hospitals Project and the Secondary Vocational School. In a few minutes the walled enclosure of the marketplace is on the right. The sheep and goats are to the right, the camels to the left.

Threshold point has been passed

Marine, coastal industries threaten to kill ocean plant and animal life

By Prakash Chandra

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — At one time, the Indian Ocean was considered to be the least polluted among all the oceans of the world. Not anymore.

A study of the west coast of India made by the National Institute of Oceanography at Goa has found that "pollution has already crossed the threshold point." Along the Madras coast, for example, a large number of canals and rivers enter the sea carrying sewage and other wastes from power stations, fertilizer factories, oil refineries, tanning and textile industries.

The entrance to Madras harbor and adjoining areas alone are constantly threatened with oil spills, marine diesel oil, light crude oil, fuel oil and light naphtha.

When petroleum leaks from a passing ship, for instance, an oily "film" coats the sea surface, suffocating life there. So much so that a study has found the area offshore Madras harbor to have a "very low" microscopic plant and animal life. Scientists have also not-

iced that rocks and boulders coated with oil spills were devoid of any marine life.

India recently stepped up its search for oil in the Bombay offshore areas, at the same time the experts are saying that ships carrying petroleum and other heavy oils are a serious threat to marine pollution. Says Dr. Arthur Daniel of a Madras-based marine biological station: "The situation requires immediate research because of the recent intensification of oil exploration besides the increasing volume of oil tanker traffic." Experts feel a balance must be struck somewhere between environmental requirements and the need for raising oil resources.

The sea is also threatened from the shores. Wastes from houses, hospitals and industries in the coastal waters around Bombay, Madras and Calcutta harbor areas alone are estimated to be 150 million tons each year. About 1.3 million tons of effluents from pesticides in farms and detergents in houses reach the sea each year.

One researcher estimates that 25 percent of these chemicals pollute the seas. Recent

studies have also found fish caught around the Bombay harbor to have a mercury content above the permissible level.

Experts feel that the increasing tempo of industrialization as well as the growth of coastal populations will raise serious problems in waste disposal. Their effects on coastal waters are considerable.

The Goa Institute has already noted that one of the heaviest sources of coastal pollution comes from thermal power stations. And the government plans to put up a chain of power plants along the coastline to meet mounting demands for electricity to feed that growing number of industries.

Power stations look attractive along coastlines, with the easy availability of sea water needed for their cooling systems. But sea water released from condenser tubes of power plants is so hot that the increased water temperature affects many organisms, even killing fish. Power plants also release chromium compounds and fly ash which pollute marine life.

Understandably, Indian authorities are worried, and research has been hurried lately. Some tests have already been made off Bombay to study the movement of an oil slick. The efficiency of several devices for removing oil spills will be tested, including the toxicity of some chemical dispersants used. Research has also been done on the effects of oil spills on organisms in the harbor areas off the Madras coast.

The hazards of marine pollution due to oil spills have only been recently recognized because of major accidents in the West. The heart of the problem facing the Third World concerns modern technology required to fight back the degree of marine pollution today.

Dr. Dilip Kumar Biswas, secretary of the Board of Environment, suggests one way of cleaning oil tankers through the so-called "load of top" technique. Oil tankers usually flush out their leftover oil to the sea when they are cleaned with water for another loading.

The "load of top" technique discharges dirty ballast from tank washing into a special tank on board. Oil is "floated" in special tanks on top and then water is drained from the bottom of the tank until a thin layer is left with the oil residues. Fresh crude oil is then loaded on top of this as well as into the other tankers. The process eliminates discharge of water containing significant quantities of leftover oil.

He says about six to 11 million tons of oil are spilled into the world's oceans annually. These consist of washings from oil tankers, bilge pumping, tanker spill, offshore drilling, sewage and industrial wastes. Dr. Biswas has recommended to the government that research and development of techniques for containment, clean up and recovery of oil spill should be developed.



MUSEUM BROUGHT TO LIFE: Conventional museums are places where people go to see static exhibits, but in Zurich, Switzerland, an exhibition presents the history of culture. Here Paul Muggler poses with two skeletons he says lived up his lectures about the development of the planet. The museum offers specific activities for school children with lectures available for parents and teachers.

Cigarette radioactivity suspected as a cause of bronchial cancers

By Andrew Veitch

BOSTON (G) — Scientists searching for the causes of lung cancer have found a new suspect: Radioactive cigarettes. It seems the person who smokes 30 cigarettes-a-day exposes certain bits of the lining of his bronchial tubes to 8,000 millirems of radiation a year—the equivalent of 300 chest x-rays.

The source of the radiation is the polonium in the phosphate fertilizer used in growing tobacco.

This is concentrated in the leaves of the plants, survives the drying-out process, and is wafted upon insoluble particles in cigarette smoke into the lungs of the smoker.

The particles accumulate in particular parts of the bronchial tubes, which also happens to be common sites for lung cancer, and dose the surrounding cells with alpha radiation.

It has previously been assumed that the radiation is dispersed throughout the tissues. But alpha particles are bad travelers. Cells close to the source receive high doses. A sin-

gle alpha particle doses one cell nucleus with 1,000 rems of radiation.

"Alpha activity in cigarette smoke may be a very effective carcinogen," report Dr. Thomas Winters and Dr. Joseph DiFranza of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center who describe the process in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

It is now less likely, they say, that chemicals alone are responsible for the high incidence of lung cancer among smokers—only one definite carcinogen, benzopyrene, has been found. And, they add, only 25 percent of the radiation is inhaled by the smoker—the rest is wafted round the room.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

Environment movement is U.N. topic

By Donatus de Silva

NAIROBI (Depthnews) — A campaign for the resurgence of the environment movement has been launched by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). A highlight of the campaign will be a special session to be held here on May 10-12 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the historic Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

UNEP Executive Director Mostafa Tolba said that although the present global economic crisis was responsible for the apparent flagging in spirit for the environment movement, it had not changed the people's basic concern. Immediate economic problems like unemployment, maintaining their lifestyles and economic growth seemed to absorb their attention but most people were aware of the impending problems caused by the earth's dwindling resources.

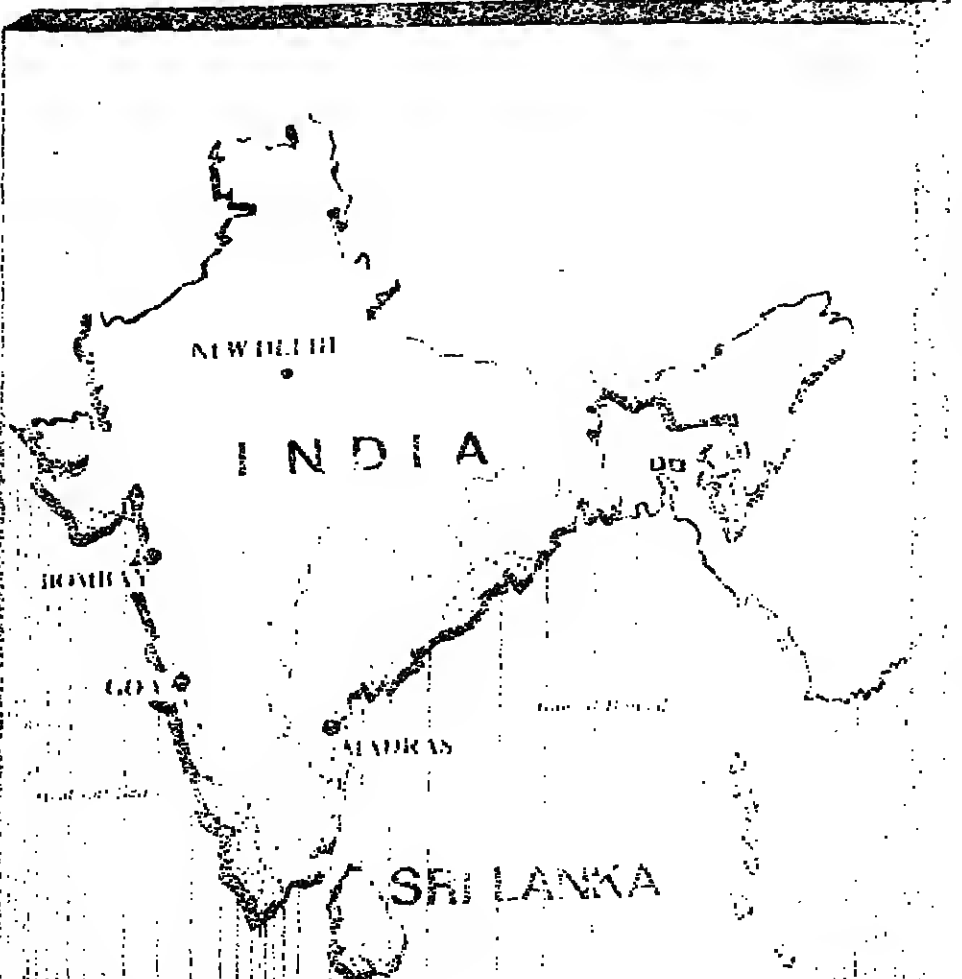
Dr. Tolba, a 58-year-old Egyptian microbiologist, traced the history of the environment movement from World War II when people first noticed the slow and pernicious progress of destruction of the global environment. He pointed out that both developed and developing countries were affected by pollution, depletion of resources, deforestation and erosion.

By the 70s the ground-swell of public concern led to the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden in June, 1972. A total of 113 governments were able to transcend the political divisions between them and produce consensus agreement on the fundamental rights and responsibilities of man in relation to the environment through 26 formulated common principles.

Dr. Tolba stressed that UNEP was created by the Stockholm conference to work basically as a catalytic body, funded by voluntary contributions from the government. Their work in the period that followed Stockholm produced a decade of commitment and positive action.



WINNING POSTER: International development was the theme of a United Nations competition as part of a world-wide campaign to mobilize public support for the U.N. General Assembly. This poster was by Gerhard Voigt of the German Democratic Republic.



Experts opt for money

'Brain drain', pirating common in Thai business

By Wirasak Salayakamond

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — Thailand's state universities, banks and hospitals are losing scores of their top experts to the private sector and foreign institutions.

"The top caliber people are fleeing in mounting numbers to the private sector both here and abroad in search of higher wages and better professional and economic opportunities," said Dr. Montri Chenvidyakarn, president of the Lecturers' Council of Thammasat University. "The long-term consequences of this continuing exodus from state institutions could be crippling."

Dr. Montri said that only recently several high-ranking officials of the Bank of Thailand, the National Institute of Development Administration and some universities quit their government posts to take up higher-paying jobs in private banks and other business firms.

Hardest-hit by the "brain drain" are

state-run universities and other educational institutions. At least 1,500 top-caliber lecturers have left their jobs during the last five years.

The main reasons for leaving were low salaries, lack of opportunities for professional advancement and lack of academic freedom.

During the past five years, 270 faculty members of the Mahidol University left their jobs, while Chulalongkorn University lost 260 top educators from its engineering, architecture and medical departments. The King Mongkut Institute of Technology has also lost 192 of its professors during the past five years; Chiang Mai, 157; Khon Kaen, 114, and Songkla 105.

No firm statistics are available on the number of "disgruntled officials" leaving the government service, but Dr. Montri said the number could easily reach 1,000 a year.

Dr. Prawase Wase, a 1981 Magsaysay awardee, said that between 1,200 and 1,600 Thai

doctors are now working in the United States. Some of these doctors studied abroad, mostly in the U.S. as government scholars. After a short stint in the country upon finishing their foreign studies, they left the government to seek employment abroad.

Many have agreed to pay fines of 100,000 to 300,000 baht (\$4,348 to \$13,044) as payment for government scholarships. Dr. Prawase said that Thai doctors now working in U.S. hospitals represent about 15 to 20 percent of the total number of physicians who graduated from Thai schools.

Those who remain are only waiting for their commitment to the government to expire before leaving. Under Thai laws, student extended government scholarships must serve a certain period in the bureaucracy before they can be allowed to seek employment elsewhere.

But scores of government scholars simply don't wait until their commitment with the government runs out. They buy out their con-

tracts, assured that they will recover their investment in two or three years.

A Thai doctor, who visited the country, said that physicians in the U.S. with two or three years experience would easily earn \$50,000 a year. In Thailand, a physician with similar experience only earns about \$3,600 a year.

Dr. Boonlert Supadilok, dean of the Faculty of Journalism of Thammasat University said "Obviously, money is the most important reason for the exodus to foreign countries." He once thought of resigning his job to look for a better-paying position abroad. "But I still owe the university a large sum in scholarship fund. Besides, I love teaching and I feel that we need more lecturers in journalism."

But patriotic fervor is not a pervasive feeling among the economically hard-pressed Thai intellectuals. Many deplore the intellectual stagnation they are experiencing by sticking it out with the bureaucracy.

Dr. Olarn Chaipravat, for instance, quit his position as chief of the supervision and inspection of finance and security institute division of the Bank of Thailand because he wanted to gain wider experience which he can find only in the private sector.

Dr. Olarn is now working for the Siam Commercial Bank. His salary has tripled from what he was making at the Bank of Thailand.

Dr. Olarn was considered as a "rising star" at the Bank of Thailand, but he had serious disagreements with the policies of Nukul Pra-chabmon, the bank governor, so he quit.

Besides Dr. Olarn, the Bank of Thailand has also lost the services of another capable official, Seri Jintanaseri, the bank's deputy chief of its legal division. Seri also resigned from the bank over dissatisfaction with internal policies: he now holds a high-paying position in the Ital-Thai Company Ltd.

Private banks have on-going scholarship programs to foreign schools to pursue their studies, but so far their scholarship programs are good only up to the master's degree level.

To fill vacancies in highly technical positions, Thai private banks are pirating top talents with doctorate degrees from government institutions like the Bank of Thailand and the universities. "We get the people we need faster and cheaper this way," a private bank official said.

Works of Palestinian in plastic art exhibit

JEDDAH — A plastic arts exhibition of Palestinian artist Mona Zuaitar will be held at Sands Hotel here Feb. 21-25, to depict the Palestinian Arab Environment. The exhibition, sponsored by the Saudi Arts and Culture Society will be opened daily from 5 to 10 p.m. Feb. 23 will be the day for women.

Dryers, imports threatening

Dogs, kids, lawnmowers boost clothespin sales

By William Cockerham

WEST PARIS, Maine (LAT) — Dogs, kids, and lawnmowers. That's what's good for the clothespin business. The prospect of a more energy efficient clothes dryer and the lifting of a trade quota with mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong; that's what's bad for the clothespin business.

The clothespin industry is about that simple.

About 560 million clothespins are sold in the United States every year, which isn't bad for a product that theoretically should last forever. They are made from polished hardwood that won't rot and galvanized springs that won't rust. So why do consumers go through them like lightbulbs?

"The clothespin has a natural destructive factor in it," said Richard Penley, vice president of Penley Corp., the world's second largest manufacturer of clothespins. "Kids tear them apart, they're left on the ground and lawnmowers run over them, and dogs chew on them. Dogs, kids and lawnmowers are a big help to us."

The clothespin industry, centered in rural western Maine, has had its ups and downs. During the 1930s, it was booming. The clothes dryer hadn't been invented, there were no disposable diapers and unliberated women stayed at home and washed baskets full of dirty clothes.

There were 15 companies making clothespins then, millions and millions of them.

But in the early 1950s, some smart aleck invented the electric clothes dryer and the clothespin market tumbled. By the end of that decade, there were only four companies left, including Penley.

The next 15 to 20 years weren't a happy time for the industry, but there was a bright cloud in the future — the energy crisis.

By the mid-1970s, clothes dryers were out and clotheslines were in.

But just as that happened, there was a huge surge of imported clothespins, first from Hong Kong and Taiwan, and then the People's Republic of China. Foreign imports rose from 20 percent to 50 percent of the American market over an 18-month period, threatening to wipe out Penley and the three other Vermont and Maine companies. An import quota kept that figure to 29 percent.

Penley said the cheap imported pins are made from low-grade wood that is soft and tends to break. He also said the springs aren't galvanized properly and therefore rust.

"The merchandise is low in quality on the whole," he said.

The four companies petitioned the International Trade Commission for relief in 1979

and won a three-year quota against foreign imports.

On Feb. 23, however, that three-year quota runs out.

Penley said the four American companies have asked for an extension, but won't know until later this month whether it will be granted.

He said if the extension isn't granted, "we could see another major influx of imports that could jeopardize our future as a company."

"The clothespin industry is important to this small hamlet in western Maine. It is all that keeps its one general store, hardware store and gas station in business. Its 1,100 people depend on it for their very survival. Penley is the town's largest industry and biggest taxpayer. It employs 120 workers at its main plant in the center of town and keeps more than a dozen other people at work cutting the beech trees that eventually become clothespins. It's more than just jobs, too. Almost everything that happens in town, from baseball games to social events, centers on the plant."

There are other things that haunt the clothespin business besides the threat of cheap imports.

"I suppose we would be in big trouble if someone comes up with a more energy-efficient clothes dryer," said Penley. "Business really picked up in the last several years because of the energy crunch. A clothes dryer is one of the most expensive appliances to operate, you know."

Besides Penley, the other clothespin companies are Diamond in Dixfield, Maine; Foster in Wilton, Maine; and National in Montpelier, VT.

Penley said there really isn't any significant difference between the clothespins produced by each of the companies.

"All domestic clothespins are similar. The shape of the wood piece is cut a little different, but that's about it. It's not the kind of product you would advertise on television as being better than your competitor's."

Penley makes about 180 million clothespins a year that end up in plastic bags of 50 each in stores throughout the country.

Because the companies don't suggest a retail price for the bags of pins, the cost to the consumer can range from \$1.50 to \$3.

Making clothespins is a relatively simple process.

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My question is: How much danger will I be exposed to? The hernia operation itself is not dangerous, my doctor says. But how about my history of having had a heart attack? Will I be able to withstand surgery and the anesthesia?

My doctor says, in my present condition there's no reason why I can't have the surgery. Will a heart attack patient be asking for trouble in having surgery he might be able to get along without? — Mr. T.

Dear Mr. T. Your question makes good sense. Many other heart patients like yourself are concerned whenever they need to undergo surgery. Any surgical candidate especially over the age of 40, should have an evaluation of his/her heart, lungs and other organs.

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According to the report in *Geriatrics* they found "that patients whose infarction (heart attack) occurred more than six months preoperatively were not at higher risk than those who had never had an infarction."

These findings seem to confirm your own doctor's decision. Mr. T., that you should be able to withstand operation to repair your hernia.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: On my physical checkup at age 59, I learned that I have diabetes. My doctor says it isn't severe. If I lose weight I may not need to take insulin.

I'm not concerned, because there's no history of heart disease in our family. I understand that this is a complication of diabetes. Is there any real need to go in for frequent checkups? — Mrs. K.

Dear Mrs. K. Yes, Diabetes is a sneaky disease. Even though you feel well, it may cause complications. Heart disease is not the only one.

To mention one that is often overlooked, there is a disease of the retina of the eye called retinopathy. This may seriously af-

fect vision.

Therefore, I recommend checkups by your own doctor, including visits to an ophthalmologist to evaluate the condition of your eyes.

Dear Doctors: I am a compulsive hand-washer. I am so afraid of dirty hands. Please help me.

For instance, if I use a public rest room and there is no hot water, would cold water and soap be just as effective? If there is no soap, would just plain cold or hot water cleanse my hands sufficiently?

This has become an obsession with me. I am even afraid to pick up a baby who is wet. I am afraid of furniture polish, hand lotion etc., before touching food.

Even if I sort clothes for laundering I feel my hands are contaminated. I think I have to wash them with soap and water. What do you think of my condition? — Miss K.

Dear Miss K.: Some people have a fear of cats, others of stepping outside their house. There are scores of fears that people suffer from.

Yours is also a fairly common phobia — fear of germs. We suggest that you ask for medical help. We doubt that you will overcome your phobia without it. Newer methods of treatment help neutralize the most stubborn phobias.

For Mrs. U.: What you've heard is true. There have been reports of death caused directly by overeating and gorging oneself. Overstuffing oneself is called bulimia.

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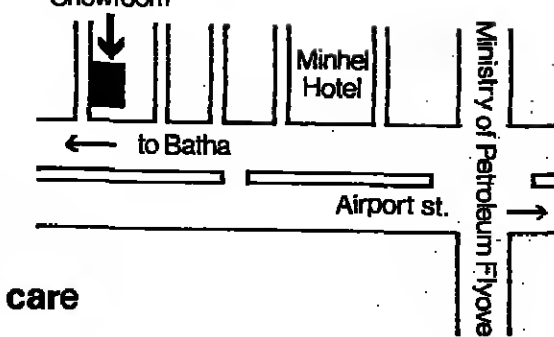
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Nigeria 'foils' coup bid

LAGOS, Feb. 10 (R) — Nigerian newspapers reported Friday that a coup plot had been foiled, and a government statement said a civilian and some soldiers had been charged with inciting soldiers to mutiny.

A statement issued by the executive office of the president said a Nigerian businessman, an army officer and some soldiers had been arrested and charged with "conspiring to commit a felony by the incitement of soldiers to commit a mutinous act."

The statement, issued late Thursday night by M.A.O. Oyedele, press secretary at the executive office of President Alhaji Shehu Shagari, said security agents had arrested the soldiers and a businessman living in Lagos.

Five Nigerian newspapers carried the story on their front pages Friday, and headline writers interpreted it as a foiled coup d'etat. The headline in *The National Concord* read: "Coup Bid Foiled," and a signed article said "a plan to topple the federal government has been foiled."

The government-backed *Daily Times* headline said "Coup Plan Uncovered," and its front-page story said an officer and several junior non-commissioned officers had been arrested. *The New Nigerian* said "NSO (Nigerian Security Organization) Foils Coup d'etat Plan."

Oyedele's statement said the businessman, Alhaji Zama Bukar Umoru Mandara, was arrested on Feb. 6, charged in a Lagos court and remanded in custody.

The New Nigerian newspaper quoted "very reliable sources" as saying Alhaji Mandara has had a substantial contract with the previous military government and had become disgruntled with the democratic government because he was not getting as many contracts as he would have liked. "Therefore he began to use his past contact with armed forces to sell the idea of a violent overthrow of the government," the paper said.

Elections were held in Nigeria in 1979 and civilian rule reestablished after more than 13 years of military government. The government statement issued Thursday night denied "rumors circulating in certain quarters that some officers and soldiers arrested for felony have been secretly tried and sentenced."

Khmer leader to visit Peking

BANGKOK, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan is to go to Peking Saturday for talks with former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Western diplomatic sources said here Friday.

Although Sihanouk proposed on Jan. 29 that the leaders of the three Cambodian anti-Vietnamese movements hold a new summit meeting, this is unlikely following an announcement in Paris Thursday by Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) leader Son Sann, a former prime minister, that he would refuse to attend. His movement, along with the Moulinaka organization led by Sihanouk, and the Khmer Rouge — overthrown in the Vietnamese military intervention in January 1979 — held a summit meeting last September in Singapore.

Sihanouk's call for a second summit followed the Khmer Rouge rejection of a "loose coalition" of anti-Vietnamese groups mooted by the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grouping Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The Khmer Rouge rejected the idea of such a coalition, "with the implicit approval of Peking, because each group was to have maintained its own identity."

They were concerned that this would affect the legitimacy of "Democratic Kampuchea", the Khmer Rouge administration recognized by the United Nations as the sole legitimate representative of Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge have repeatedly stated that the two other movements should integrate with "Democratic Kampuchea" and follow its lead.

Sihanouk and especially Son Sann have turned down the idea on the grounds that they do not want to be associated with a regime responsible for massacres during its rule from 1975-1979. This is why they prefer the concept of a "loose coalition". Son Sann said Thursday he would go to Peking at a date still to be fixed, but not to participate in a Cambodian summit meeting.

'Militant Jewish League' starts action Aeroflot office in U.S. bombed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — A bomb exploded outside the office of the Soviet airline Aeroflot in downtown Washington early Friday, but there was little if any damage and no injuries, police said.

The "Militant Jewish Defense League" telephoned the Associated Press within minutes to claim responsibility for the blast.

It said the group is demanding the release of a teen-age Jewish girl held prisoner in the Soviet Union. The caller from the league hung up before the name could be verified, but her first name was either Maria or Marina.

"If she is not released in one week there will be Soviet blood in Washington," he said. "Never again!"

The blast cracked one of the glass doors of the Aeroflot office, which is located about 200 feet from the Soviet Embassy. The embassy was not involved. "We got an explosion, a loud explosion," said a member of the District of Columbia police bomb squad who asked to remain anonymous.

People who were in the area at the time of the blast said they heard two explosions.

"That could have been one explosion with an echo," said the policeman, who would not speculate on the type of device used.

Police, using a dog, searched the premises for other bombs and then, joined by a group of men who came from the embassy, inspected the interior of Aeroflot's street-level office. Pamela Holt, 33, of nearby Arlington, Virginia, said she reported the explosion to police.

"We heard two blasts that rocked the house," said the woman, night manager of a club near the Aeroflot office. "We saw smoke coming out of the entrance. It sort of died away. We laughed and said, 'The Russian Embassy is getting bombed.'"

The Soviet Embassy is a few doors away, but was not involved in the incident. Miss Holt said the two explosions came "one right after the other" and that there was only a little smoke.

Another witness — a guest at a nearby hotel who declined to give his name — said he was awakened by "two explosions, one right after the other. It sounded like a couple of bombs."

Times retransferred Times survives shut threat

LONDON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — *The Times*, journal of the British establishment, survived another close brush with extinction Thursday, though the threat of closure remained.

Australian newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch, who has threatened to close the daily and its weekly stablemate, *The Sunday Times*, failed to get the volunteers he sought for sweeping staff cuts to curb heavy losses. But management said it would keep talking to the trade unions at the two papers because "there has been movement in a number of areas."

Trade Secretary John Biffen told Parliament that the ownership of the two newspaper titles had been returned to the company that publishes them, *Times Newspapers*. The titles were secretly transferred to Murdoch's parent media company, News International, several months ago.

When Biffen learned of the move, his department looked into the transfer and suggested it might violate promises made by Murdoch when he bought the papers a year ago for 12 million sterling (then \$28.8 million).

After talks with the Murdoch organization, Biffen told Parliament the group transferred

the titles back and undertook to consult the independent directors of *Times Newspapers*, a watchdog body with veto power over any future sale of the newspapers which was set up under last year's deal.

Employees feared that the transfer would leave *Times* newspaper with virtually no assets from which they could claim compensation if the company went into liquidation. It could also have blocked any outside attempt to restart publication if Murdoch carried out his threat to close the papers.

Murdoch said last week that *The Times* and *Sunday Times* were losing 12 million sterling (\$22 million) a year and would be closed unless the staff agreed to cut the workforce of 2,600 by 600. By Thursday's deadline, nothing like that number of volunteers had come forward to give up their jobs on special redundancy terms. Union sources put the number of volunteers at about 70.

The management will decide Monday whether to close down the *Times* newspapers, a union leader said here Friday after a transatlantic telephone conversation with Murdoch. William Keys, the union leader, said the closure process would start Monday unless the current deadlock over redundancies was solved.

Militant's murder rocks Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The kidnapping and murder of an Argentinean Socialist militant has rocked the country's political circles and triggered demands for an inquiry. The body of Ana Maria Martinez, a member of the outlawed, extreme-left Socialist Workers' Party, was found last Friday in a Suburb near here. She was identified Wednesday by police.

It was the first confirmed murder following a political abduction in over two years here, despite the hundreds of brief disappearances reported during the Argentine military regime's drive against leftist guerrillas and agitators. The coalition grouping the country's five major opposition parties has demanded an investigation.

The *Conviction* newspaper Thursday charged that an extremist faction of the country's police was responsible. The paper generally reflects the viewpoint of the navy, an integral part of the ruling military junta. The abduction took place on Feb. 4 near Mrs. Martinez's home in the Buenos Aires suburbs. Armed men, who reportedly said they were police, drove her in an unregistered car. The autopsy revealed that she had been in her third month of pregnancy.

Human rights organizations in the country immediately approached authorities after Mrs. Martinez's kidnapping. In an unusual move Monday, Deputy Interior Minister Col. Bernardo Menendez agreed to meet a delegation but said he had no information on the case.

The *Conviction* Thursday called her murderers "belated hangmen." It demanded to know the names of those responsible and suggested the murder was an attempt to upset the government and "close the path toward

democracy." "Who benefits from a sickly Argentina that other nations avoid? Who is benefiting from all that?" the paper asked.

The English-language *Buenos Aires Herald*, known for its stand supporting human rights, said the kidnapping of Mrs. Martinez must be considered as a "political event of the highest importance."

Observers noted that the same day Mrs. Martinez's murder was made known, the government issued reminders that all union activity has been prohibited in Argentina since the 1976 coup.

HELSINKI, (AFP) — Finland's new center-left coalition government led by Social Democrat Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa, 51, was sworn in Friday. The coalition is drawn from the same four parties — Social Democrats, Communists, the Center (formerly agrarian) Party, and the Swedish Party — that made up the previous government, which resigned on Jan. 27.

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) — Pope John Paul II left here Friday for Rome at the end of an eight-day tour of four African nations.

CAPE TOWN, (R) — The body of one of 16 seamen missing after the South African navy frigate *President Kruger* sank following a collision Thursday was taken from the sea Friday as hopes dwindled for the survival of the others. The 2,380-ton frigate sank after a pre-dawn collision with the supply ship *Tafelberg* during a gale southwest of the Cape of Good Hope.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — A police officer was killed and 10 others were wounded Thursday in fierce fighting between govern-

Deng finds relations with U.S. 'not good'

PEKING, Feb. 19 (AP) — China's top leader Deng Xiaoping declared Friday that "Sino-U.S. relations are not good" and said the United States is mistaken if it thinks China needs it, Chinese sources reported.

The 77-year-old Communist Party vice chairman made the comments during an hour's meeting with professor K.S. Wu, vice president of Ebasco Services International, according to the sources, who were present.

It was Deng's second public appearance and his first with an American since Thursday when he ended a five-week vacation and inspection tour. Deng was emphatic that relations are not good, said the sources, who asked not to be named. China's top leader did not elaborate on the problem of U.S. arms sales to Taipei or the current delicate negotiations under way between the United States and China.

Deng, who took part in negotiations to establish diplomatic ties with the United States on Jan. 1, 1979, also emphasized that China can stand alone without the United States, the sources said. He personally disagrees with the analysis by some U.S. officials on the global strategic situation.

China survived for years when it was cut off and blockaded by both the United States and the Soviet Union, he said, and Chinese revolutionaries endured the earlier hardships and can do it again. Even if the Soviet Union invaded China, Deng said, it could not conquer the nation because Peking could be abandoned and Chinese forces could retreat south of the Yellow River.

Deng, who is known for a dry sense of humor, laughed about rumors that circulated during his absence from public view. He said he enjoyed the speculation that his enemies wanted to shoot him and added that he had been hit by a few bullets over the years. Deng has been purged and rehabilitated three times.

Speaking of Chinese politics, Deng confirmed he has withdrawn from the "first line" to "second line" since the sixth central committee plenum last June and plays a less active role in daily decision-making. Chinese sources say he plays a major policy-making role and concerns himself with political strategy.

During the sixth plenum, Deng said, everyone wanted him to become party chairman, but he declined, saying he didn't want the job. The sources said, His political ally Hu Yaobang was made chairman and is carrying out Deng's policies of political, bureaucratic and economic reform.

Deng appeared to be relaxed, energetic and in excellent health, the sources said, but the veteran revolutionary spoke philosophically and said he is mentally well prepared to see Karl Marx, the father of communism. Deng, who also is the driving force behind China's modernization, said his goal by the year 2000 is for every Chinese to have an income of about \$ 800.

BRIEFS

nment troops and Communist insurgents in southern Thailand, military sources said Friday.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Visiting Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal had a luncheon meeting Friday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Prince Hassan and his wife arrived Thursday in New Delhi on a six-day tour of India.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — South Korean Foreign Minister Shinyong Lho held discussions Friday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, officials said. Mrs. Gandhi and Lho discussed steps to increase bilateral economic cooperation between India and South Korea, the officials added.

LONDON, (AP) — Prince Andrew, second-in-line to the British throne and an officer in the Royal Navy, is 22 on Friday but will be spending his birthday aboard an aircraft carrier in the North Atlantic. Andrew, a sub-lieutenant, is taking part in a naval exercise aboard *HMS Invincible* and

Terrorist's confession helps Italy police probe

ROME, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Italian police have made rapid progress in their investigation of the Red Brigades following what they say is a detailed confession by Antonio Savasta, alleged leader of the terrorist commando group that kidnapped U.S. Gen. James Lee Dozier.

Shortly after his arrest on Jan. 28 in the Padua apartment where Dozier had been held for 42 days, Savasta — known in underground circles as "Diego" — decided to tell all he knew about the Red Brigades, according to the authorities. He is said to have enabled police to identify those responsible for most of the Red Brigades murders during the past four years.

In 48 hours this week Rome magistrates issued 33 arrest warrants, and at least 12 secret Red Brigades bases were said to have been discovered. This year between 150 and 200 alleged left-wing terrorists have been arrested.

Authorities say Savasta confessed to having taken part in the murder last July at Mestre, near Venice, of Montedison engineer Giuseppe Talliercio, who had been held prisoner for a month. He also described in detail, authorities say, how he killed police Col.

Antonio Varisco in Rome with an automatic rifle on July 13, 1979.

The alleged Red Brigades leader now faces no fewer than 17 homicide charges, including the slaying of the five bodyguards of former Christian Democrat Prime Minister Aldo Moro, who was kidnapped in 1978 and later assassinated. Savasta, 26, is said to have told police that he joined the Red Brigades in 1977 after breaking with the official left-wing student leadership.

Early in 1980 he is said to have left the Rome column of the Red Brigades and established himself as the leader of the military "Anna-Maria Ludman" wing of the movement in the Venice area, where he lived with his girlfriend Emilia Libera who was arrested with him.

Transferred to Rome after his capture, Savasta, police said, told them that in the spring of 1980 there were about 100 full-time Red Brigades terrorists operating in the capital with over 400 sympathizers acting as letter-boxes, stealing cars, providing food supplies and engaged on other support tasks. Police have been shocked by such a disclosure as the figures were much higher than previous police estimates of the terrorist numbers.

Board of inquiry called

Rig sinking remains mystery

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Feb. 19 (AP) — Why the world's largest floating drilling rig went down in the icy North Atlantic, killing 84 crewmen, remains a mystery of great concern to the oil industry. The ill-fated *Ocean Ranger* was one of the huge, awkward seagoing monsters developed to carry the search for oil into deep water. It was supposed to stand tall in violent seas.

When it met its end Monday, 115 miles (185 kms) off the coast of Newfoundland, the gray sea was being whipped into waves 50 feet high by winds of about 80 miles an hour — but the \$120 million semisubmersible rig was designed to hear a lot more than that, said a spokesman for Ocean Drilling Exploration Co. (ODECO) of New Orleans, owner of the rig.

No survivors were found to tell what went wrong. Salvage work may give some clues but that will take weeks or months. A board of inquiry has been called by the Coast Guard. What felled the *Ocean Ranger* is a matter of sharp interest in the industry — not least to ODECO, which has 16 other semisubmersibles, plus five drill ships, 12 jackup rigs and six submersible drilling barges.

ODECO, which contracts with oil companies to drill, is building two larger versions of the *Ocean Ranger* — the *Ocean Ranger II* in Japan and the *Ocean Ranger III* in Scotland. In the meantime, a hurriedly prepared claim of \$2 million was filed in U.S. District Court in New Orleans Thursday by one widow.

Semisubmersibles and drill ships were invented to cope with the problems of drilling in sea bottoms under deep water. Unlike jackup rigs, which stand on the bottom on long steel legs, the ships and semis drill while afloat, anchored in one spot by computer-operated

thrusters and a maze of anchors.

The *Ocean Ranger*, built six years ago, could drill a well in seabottom under 1,500 feet (497 m) of water, but that's not exceptional. Some drill ships or semis can operate in water over a mile deep. A semisubmersible has an operating platform.

When traveling, a semi is one of the strangest sights afloat. It stands taller than a 35-story building. Some must be towed, but newer ones can churn along under their own power. On site, a semi's pontoons are filled with enough water to sink them 50 to 80 feet in the water, virtually anchoring the rig. About 60 to 70 feet of the platform stands above the waves. A network of 11,340 kg anchors is laid to keep the rig from shifting. Once in place, a semi can ignore most foul weather. Meanwhile, the U.S. Coast Guard admiral heading an investigation into the sinking of the *Ocean Ranger* said Thursday there is no record that Coast Guard inspectors examined the giant platform in recent months.

Poor pay said leading to graft in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Secret services chief Yoga Sogama Friday pinpointed the major problem of corruption in Indonesia, which authorities are fighting, by commenting that not a single civil servant would remain if it combated corruption like the United States. Gen. Sogama, in an interview with the nationalist daily *Merdeka*, added that no public employee could live properly or send his children to university on his salary.

Sogama noted that in the United States an official lost his job for accepting \$1,000 or a watch — an apparent reference to the resignation of President Ronald Reagan's National Security Adviser Richard Allen who received such gifts from a Japanese publication for arranging an interview with the president's wife. Sogama also noted that his secret services only investigated corruption cases involving public fund frauds.

Corruption in Indonesia has long caused public discontent, and an anti-corruption campaign has been actively waged since 1978 by an organization set up to coordinate such efforts. But following the arrest of four members of the organization prosecutor-general Ismail Saleh announced two days ago the reestablishment of the anti corruption unit TPK, inactive since 1967.

Several officials have condemned the corruption from which "no ministry is exempt", according to a spokesman of the Indonesian Auditing Board, and the local press regularly publishes reports of cases investigated Sogama Friday however maintained that corruption was not endemic to Indonesian culture, but was taught by the Japanese during the World War II occupation.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 29th. DHUL-HIJJAH 1401 (27th. OCTOBER 1981)

1400 H S.R.	CAPITAL & LIABILITIES	S.R.	S.R.	1400 H S.R.	PROPERTY & ASSETS	S.R.	S.R.
30,225,133	CAPITAL RESERVES		30,225,133	2,380,286,728	CASH FUNDS		
32,774,867	Statutory Reserve	32,774,867			1 Cash in hand	3,133,678,186	
1,437,000,000	Other Revenue Reserves	1,859,027,254			2 Statutory deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	1,370,641,215	
46,095,605	Surplus on revaluation of properties	46,095,605		2,869,960,816	3 Other deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	2,887,826,816	7,392,146,217
31,877,141	Surplus on revaluation of investments	31,877,141		2,596,299,403			
1,547,747,613			1,969,774,867	7,846,546,947			
1,577,972,746	Total Capital and Reserves		2,000,000,000		DEPOSITS WITH BANKS		
	DEPOSITS			43,101,216	1 In Saudi Arabia	162,676,914	
21,785,797,499	1 Customers' deposits (Note: Cover total current, time and saving deposits)	23,318,475,808		8,967,792,275	2 Abroad	15,494,190,912	15,656,867,826
529,055,682	2 Deposits from Banks			9,010,893,491			
2,664,908,345	a) In Saudi Arabia	895,741,145			INVESTMENTS:		
	b) Abroad	5,527,121,854			(Not exceeding lowest of cost or market value)		
	3 Sundry Deposits: (Note: Include margins for letters of credit, guarantees, drafts and other transfers)	2,953,910,932		229,069,680	1 Shares and securities of establishments:	260,066,381	
1,987,293,588			32,695,249,739	656,602,871	a) In Saudi Arabia	752,864,126	
26,966,555,114				885,672,551	b) Abroad		1,012,930,507
	BORROWINGS				2 Other investments		
	1 From Banks						
	a) In Saudi Arabia			10,945,759,746	LOANS, ADVANCES...etc (Less provision for bad and doubtful debts)		
	b) Abroad			472,143,747	1 To:		
	2 From Others			588,468,687	a) Private sector	14,864,794,032	
				239,243,785	b) Banks	935,194,749	
				12,245,615,965	c) Others	72,306,109	
					2 Bills purchased and discounted	271,839,924	16,144,134,814
	PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT						
2,879,562	Balance brought forward from last year	796,534			FIXED ASSETS		
77,916,972	Add: Net Profit for the year 1401 after transfer to Reserve	149,344,621	150,141,155	444,317,459	1 Bank premises and other real estate (at cost or revaluation)	550,606,205	
80,796,534				55,557,357	2 Furniture, fixtures and equipment (less depreciation)	65,939,681	616,545,886
	OTHER LIABILITIES			499,874,816			
124,046,418	1 Acceptances outstanding on behalf of customers	138,588,028			OTHER ASSETS		
2,280,723,216	2 Other liabilities	6,580,951,308	6,719,539,336	124,046,418	1 Customers' liabilities for outstanding acceptances	138,588,028	
2,404,769,634				417,443,840	2 Other assets	603,716,952	742,304,980
31,030,094,028	Sub-Total		41,564,930,230	541,490,258			
	CONTRA ACCOUNTS			31,030,094,028			
18,476,978,229	Guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	19,794,592,454			CONTRA ACCOUNTS		
49,507,072,257	Grand-Total	61,359,522,684		18,476,978,229	Customers' liabilities under guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	19,794,592,454	
				49,507,072,257	Grand-Total	61,359,522,684	

SALEM AHMED BIN MAHFOUZ, GENERAL MANAGER

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit and Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of The National Commercial Bank (Partnership Company) visited by us, and with returns submitted by the Managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith. We have obtained the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account represent fairly the financial position of The National Commercial Bank at 29th Dhul Hijjah 1401 (27th October 1981) and the profit of the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

JEDDAH: 17th Rabi Thani 1402 H
(11th February 1982)

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ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 29th. DHUL-HIJJAH 1401 (27th. OCTOBER 1981)

1400 H S.R.	EXPENSES	S.R.	S.R.	1400 H S.R.	INCOME	S.R.	S.R.
278,529,761	Salaries and other staff expenses		412,029,875		Net income from foreign exchange transactions and other services		
1,157,354,628	Directors' Fees, Remunerations...etc		2,117,790,651	2,045,205,801	Net Income from investments and real estate	3,300,868,677	
	Service charges			26,816,666		32,103,249	
12,467,964	Provisions for depreciation...etc				TOTAL INCOME		3,332,971,926
50,000,000	a) Depreciation on buildings, furniture...etc	17,551,498					
62,467,964	b) Other provisions	72,000,000	89,551,498	2,072,022,467			
95,753,142	Other expenses		142,228,027				
477,916,972	NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		571,371,875				
	Of which						
	a) Transfer to Reserve	422,027,254					
	b) Balance carried to Balance Sheet	149,344,621					
2,072,022,467			3,332,971,926	2,072,022,467			3,332,971,926

With interest rates thwarting recovery

Reagan mum on plan paying off

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (R) — For the first time since taking office, President Reagan has expressed reservations about when his program of sweeping tax and budget cuts will begin to revive the U.S. economy.

Reagan promised Americans when he assumed the presidency just over a year ago that his economic strategy would quickly usher in an era of sustained growth, lower inflation and falling interest rates.

But he told a White House press conference Thursday that he was not sure exactly when his program would begin to take hold. "I'm not going to be pinned down on a date," he said.

The administration has steadfastly predicted that the U.S. economy would begin to recover from recession in the spring, bringing about a reduction in both inflation and interest rates. But Reagan would only say Thursday that his economic policies would begin to work sometime later this year.

The president explained his change of heart on the economic outlook by saying: "We're simply trying to be... cautiously optimistic. We would rather err on the side of caution than err on the side of too much optimism." He said that high interest rates presented the greatest single threat to a lasting economic recovery.

U.S. rates, which climbed to 17 percent this week, have provoked cries of anguish from America's allies and trading partners who claim that money which could go to their economies is instead being invested in the United States.

Some critics have suggested that the interest rate problem could be eased if the independent Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, loosened its tight monetary policy.

But Reagan said Thursday that he had confidence in the board's announced policies. He also said that congressmen could set back the economic recovery unless they approved his request for cuts of \$27 billion in social and government programs this year.

Reagan urged Americans to support his economic program, saying that it would work eventually. "We're not out of the woods yet," he said. "There'll be some difficult days ahead."

The president said he fully hoped and expected a drop in interest rates which have worried U.S. allies in Europe because they tend to drain money away from those countries to the United States.

Asked whether Americans would ever see a return to single-digit interest rates, Reagan said: "Yes, I'm positive we will."

The president refused to predict exactly when the current recession would end, but forecast that interest rates would fall and economic recovery would begin sometime this year. In response to questions, he conceded that the administration had been "caught by surprise" by the recession.

The president went out of his way to express confidence in the policies of the independent Federal Reserve Board. There have been persistent reports of differences between the administration and the Federal Reserve Board on how to restore the health of the economy. The president noted that he had held several meetings in the past months with board chairman Paul Volcker, including one last Monday. He said both he and Volcker agreed there should be no return to the economic policies of the past. Reagan said his administration supported the Federal Reserve Board's announced targets for monetary growth in 1982, which he said were fully consistent with the administration's economic policies.

Volcker announced earlier this month that the board, which held monetary growth to a restrictive 2.3 percent last year, had set new targets of between 2.5 and 5.5 percent for this year.

The president said he would work hard to reduce the federal government's budget deficits in the years ahead, but reiterated his opposition to Congressional attempts to raise taxes or reduce his defense spending plans.

The president also announced he would create a panel of experts from the private sector to study how to cut federal costs. "The government is spending at a rate that is intolerable" — about \$2 billion a day — he said.

The panel would be charged with eliminating government red tape and duplication of programs and would look into various departmental operations beginning with the departments of defense, health and human services, and housing and urban development.

Meanwhile, presidential economic adviser Murray Weidenbaum told the Congressional Joint Economic Committee Thursday the administration still believed the economy would recover at a moderate rate from April to June and then be strong in the last half of the year. Weidenbaum said the government expected real economic growth to reach five percent in the second half of the year as measured by the gross national product (GNP).

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He did not give any details of the plan but said the cooperation of governments would be necessary to implement it. In evaluating the need for such a plan, one of the questions the bank would like to ask governments was whether there were countries in the world where companies would not go because of the political risks, he said.

The insurance scheme was first proposed several years ago, but it never got off the ground, Walser said.

At present, the risks covered by the World Bank relates to letters of cooperation that it issues to a host government to which it expresses a willingness to consider financing a portion of the country's share of the development cost of a potential energy resource project.

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As sales rise to \$38b

Ford trims losses to \$1.06b

DEARBORN, Michigan, Feb. 19 (R) — The Ford Motor Company has said that it cut its losses to \$1.06 billion last year from \$1.54 billion in 1980.

The company made a profit of \$387 million outside North America, down from \$576 million in 1980 because of heavy losses in converting foreign earnings into a more valuable dollar.

Despite a cut in overall losses, Ford also said that the fourth quarter loss increased from \$316 million in 1980 to \$346 million last year.

On U.S. operations alone, the quarterly loss more than doubled to \$501 million because of a severe drop in sales which sank to the lowest level in six years for cars and 10 years for trucks.

Ford announced its figures a day after union leaders at the company approved an agreement that could set a new pattern for labor relations in the United States. Under the pact, Ford workers are prepared to give up wage increases until September, 1984, in return for job security.

Financial analysts have said the contract could save Ford a total of between \$500 million and \$1 billion. The company and the United Auto Workers' Union have both hailed the agreement as a breakthrough in labor relations for the troubled U.S. car industry which has laid off nearly 250,000 workers, including about 55,000 at Ford.

The company said Thursday that its worldwide sales rose three percent to \$38.2 billion last year, but the number of vehicles produced fell one percent to 4.4 million.

Unit sales fell two percent in the United States and seven percent in Canada, but rose by two percent overseas.

General Motors, the leading U.S. carmaker, reported earlier this month that it made a profit of \$333 million in 1981, after losing \$763 million the previous year.

Chrysler, the third ranked carmaker, has not announced its 1981 figures. Analysts expect a loss of \$500 million or \$600 million for the company that set a U.S. record in 1980 by losing \$1.7 billion.

In another development concerning cars, the Italian auto industry reported in Rome Friday that sales of foreign cars in Italy rose by 4.3 percent in 1981 over 1980.

Foreign sales totaled 704,357 cars against 674,856 the previous year. Top of the list came the French Renault firm with 175,184 against 178,761 in 1980, followed by the German VW-Audi-Porsche group with 116,665 against 92,003.

Next came Ford with 92,638 against 61,058, Talbot 57,266 against 75,173, BMW 34,482 against 32,222, Peugeot 33,030 against 31,181, British Leyland 25,835 against 15,045, Mercedes 15,515 against 13,807, and Volvo 15,144 against 12,343.

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lion last year, but the number of vehicles produced fell one percent to 4.4 million.

Unit sales fell two percent in the United States and seven percent in Canada, but rose by two percent overseas.

General Motors, the leading U.S. carmaker, reported earlier this month that it made a profit of \$333 million in 1981, after losing \$763 million the previous year.

Chrysler, the third ranked carmaker, has not announced its 1981 figures. Analysts expect a loss of \$500 million or \$600 million for the company that set a U.S. record in 1980 by losing \$1.7 billion.

In another development concerning cars, the Italian auto industry reported in Rome Friday that sales of foreign cars in Italy rose by 4.3 percent in 1981 over 1980.

Foreign sales totaled 704,357 cars against 674,856 the previous year. Top of the list came the French Renault firm with 175,184 against 178,761 in 1980, followed by the German VW-Audi-Porsche group with 116,665 against 92,003.

Next came Ford with 92,638 against 61,058, Talbot 57,266 against 75,173, BMW 34,482 against 32,222, Peugeot 33,030 against 31,181, British Leyland 25,835 against 15,045, Mercedes 15,515 against 13,807, and Volvo 15,144 against 12,343.

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Despite record unemployment

Tight money policy to stay -- Thatcher

LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, battling record unemployment and 12 percent inflation, looked strained and tired when she defended her government's tight money policies in a television interview Thursday night.

Asked by interviewer Llew Gardner about a newspaper report that she is "feeling fatigued" after seven years leading the Conservative Party and nearly three years as premier, Mrs. Thatcher said, "I am not suffering from any fatigue."

When Gardner asked how long she would wish to continue as the country's leader, the 56-year-old premier replied: "Until I get tired, and I don't get tired very easily."

Mrs. Thatcher, who has two grown-up children, was immaculately dressed, wearing a dark costume, black high-heeled shoes and necklace of large, single pearls, as she was questioned on the commercial network's "TV Eye" program.

In a stout defense of her monetarist policies designed to combat inflation, the premier said she won't reflate by dumping taxpayers' money into government spending.

Her government, however, is facing record unemployment of three million, compared to 1.3 million when she came to power in May 1979. Inflation then was 10.1 percent and

peaked a year later at 21.9 percent.

Mrs. Thatcher claimed there is no alternative to keeping interest rates high to restrict credit and said: "I am convinced it is the right way to go, and I would hope that I have the courage to see it through. I am convinced that it is the best way for my country."

On demands by some of her own rebellious Tory lawmakers that public spending be stepped up to create jobs, Mrs. Thatcher said: "I would like everyone to have a job. The question is, how do we create them... anyone who asks us to reflate is asking us to be dishonest with money."

Asked, "will we ever return to full employment?" the premier said: "I don't know. When we are through this period, the same enterprise that created jobs in the past with new technology, will once again create jobs."

"The first industrial revolution frightened people because it seemed to take their jobs. Computers did the same, but created more jobs. Now the microchip frightens people, but it is the same thing again."

Mrs. Thatcher said she is not afraid of the political challenge from the year-old Social Democratic Party, which is doing well in local and special elections (by-elections) after breaking away from the Labor Party because it was going too left.

Singapore shipyards enjoy boom

SINGAPORE, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Singapore's five major oil rig-builders are enjoying a boom, but opinion is divided among the industry's leaders about the future.

The latest issue of *Sasur News*, the official publication of the Singapore Association of Shipbuilders and Repairers, said the major rig-builders were fully booked with orders for this year and the next. Two of the yards were also booked for 1984.

It said that at the end of last year 24 units, comprising 17 jack-ups, five semi-submersibles, one drillship and one tender, were on order or under construction in the five yards — Bethlehem Singapore, Far-East Livingston Shipbuilding, Marathon Letourneau Off-Shore, Promet and Robin Shipyard.

But industry leaders had different views on the outlook for the future. *Sasur News* quoted the managing director of Far-East Livingston, Loh Wing Siew, as saying that the oil rig market was very active in 1981, contributing to the heavy workload for the yards in the next 18 months.

Loh noted that the market had slowed down slightly, although he expressed confidence that more orders would be forthcoming in the new year.

But the vice-president of Bethlehem, O.E. Spell, advocated caution because he feared the possibility of overbuilding in the rig market.

China's exports to U.S. rise 80%

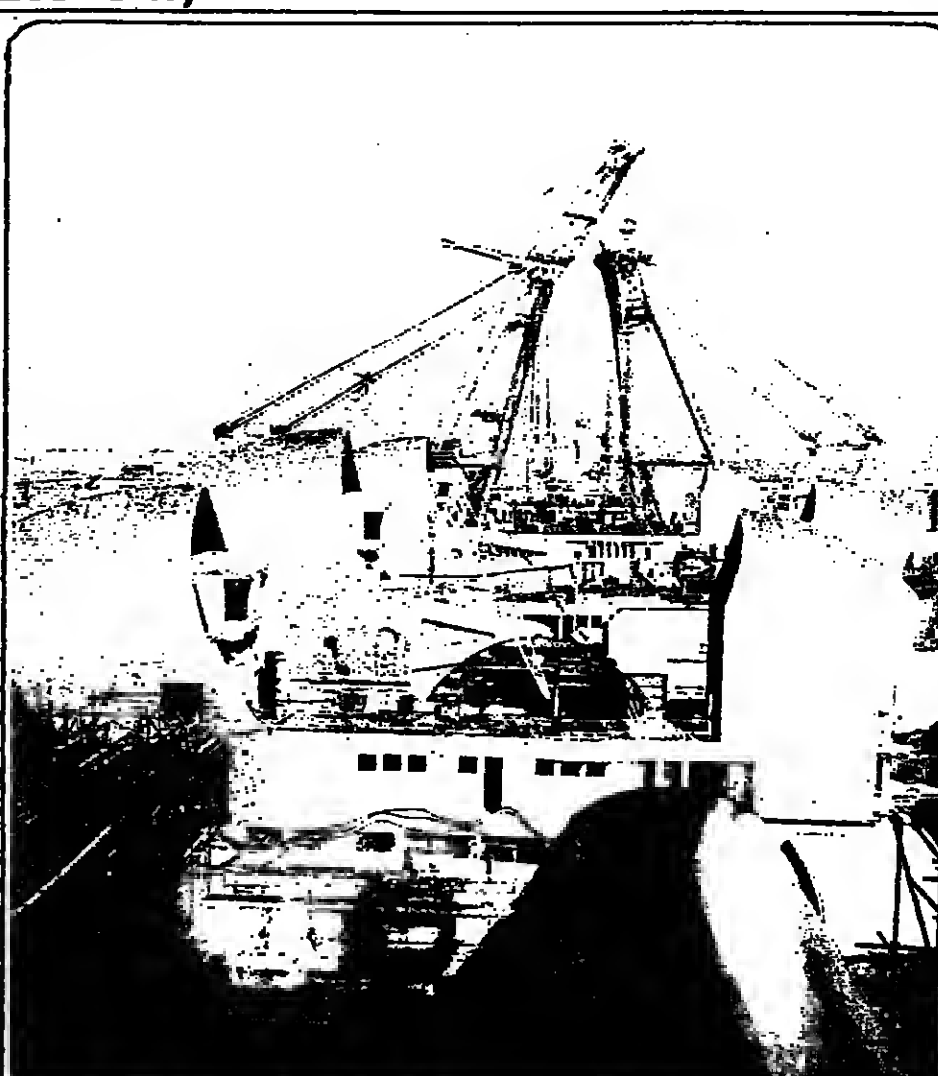
PEKING, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The balance of trade between China and the United States remained favorable to Washington in 1981, although the surplus was drastically reduced compared to 1980, it was announced here Friday.

The U.S. embassy released a statement indicating that an 80 percent increase in Chinese exports to the United States was largely responsible for the shift. Total trade between the two countries in 1981 reached \$5.5 billion, up 14 percent over the previous year.

But the U.S. surplus in the balance of trade was only \$1.7 billion — \$1 billion less than in 1980, the statement said.

U.S. grain exports to China in 1981 increased by more than \$200 million to \$1.26 billion.

Chinese exports to the United States in 1981 rose by 80 percent to \$1.9 billion while U.S. exports to China in the same year decreased slightly from \$3.8 billion to \$3.6 billion. The United States is China's number-two trade partner, after Japan.



BARRIER TO FLOODS: The Thames Barrier — a series of moveable gates to prevent over 130 square kilometers of London being flooded — is progressing rapidly toward completion as work continues on the buildings to house the machinery. The roof shells of the buildings are made of Iroko and Redwood timber, formed into geometric curves and covered with stainless steel. They will eventually house all the machinery needed to raise the series of moveable gates into the flood defense position in only 15 minutes from the first warning.

Over farm subsidy

EEC rebuts U.S. allegations

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 19 (AP) — European Common Market Commissioner for Agriculture Poul Dalsager, answering U.S. complaints, said Thursday EEC export subsidies on farm products have been greatly reduced over the past two years.

"For the great majority of products, despite inflation, we have succeeded in reducing the rate of export refunds very significantly" since the beginning of 1979, he told a session of the European Parliament.

Reagan administration officials, including Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, have consistently attacked the EEC system of export

subsidies. They charge it has unfairly helped community exporters sell farm products in traditionally American-dominated export markets.

Dalsager reported the following cuts in export subsidies per ton of product during the period January, 1979, to January, 1981: — wheat, from 91 European currency units (\$118.30) to 60 ECUS (\$78); a ton: Barley, 101 to 39 ECUS (\$131.30 to \$50.70); Sugar, 318 to 222 ECUS (\$413.40 to \$288.60); poultry meat, 220 to 135 ECUS (\$286 to \$175.50); skimmed milk powder, 804 to 370 ECUS (\$1,045.20 to \$481). "The only significant product on which there was a higher refund over this two-year period was beef," Dalsager said.

The commissioner also said that East bloc countries including the Soviet Union, constituted an important outlet for community agricultural products, and that "we need to continue to export to these useful markets."

But he refused to agree with a suggestion contained in a parliament report to set up completely new service within the commission to better manage exports to Warsaw pact countries.

Dalsager repeated the commission's assertion that the EEC did not undermine the partial grain embargo imposed by the United States against the Soviet Union following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December, 1979.

He said that EEC agricultural exports to the Soviet Union from January, 1980 to April, 1981, — the period of the European embargo — did not exceed "traditional" levels of exports to that market.

Dollar ends week on a losing note

LONDON, Feb. 19, (R) — The dollar lost ground against other major currencies on foreign exchange markets Friday as dealers trimmed some of its earlier gains.

The West German mark also gained, with dealers in Frankfurt quoting it at 2.3570 after it closed at 2.3670 Thursday.

The pound sterling and Swiss franc also did a bit better against the dollar as dealers reported that the market sentiment was that the U.S. currency might have risen too far because of the belief that U.S. interest rates would remain high.

Gold, which fell in New York Thursday to its lowest level since November, 1979, edged higher to about \$370 an ounce by mid-day, a gain of about 50 cents on the New York price.

Gold sales by the Soviet Union, which has recently been raising large amounts of hard currency were cited by dealers as the main reason behind the weakness in gold prices.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as it begins in Europe, the dollar was traded heavily and plunged to 223.60 yen at the close, down 4.30 yen. In Zurich, gold traded in a medium range of \$369.50.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	367.37
Paris	368.33
Frankfurt	370.82
Zurich	369.50
Hong Kong	372.29

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Stock prices edged upward Friday morning. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 0.95 to \$29.91 in the first half hour. Gainers took a narrow lead over losers in the early tally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Analysts noted some pickup in hopes for a reversal of the recent rise of interest rates. Rates dropped sharply Thursday in the bond and short-term money markets. But brokers said traders were wary of drawing too many conclusions about the direction of rates before seeing the weekly money-supply report from the Federal Reserve, due out late Friday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Thursday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	282.00
Canadian Dollar	143.75	143.55	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	131.50	131.00	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.49	3.92	—
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.15	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	56.80	56.55	—
French Franc (100)	52.00	55.75	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	37.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	6.50	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	27.20	27.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	14.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	9.98	9.88	—
Jordanian Dinar	12.05	12.00	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	70.25	70.00	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	58.50	60.90	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	31.75	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	41.65	—
Philippines Peso (100)	6.34	6.31	—
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.10	—
Qatari Rial (100)	—	161.45	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	33.85	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	180.50	180.00	—
Swiss Franc (100)	58.00	63.70	—
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.429	3.422	—
U.S. Dollar	75.00	74.90	—
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U.S. to make lending tough

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan told poor countries Thursday it wants to make easy-term loans harder.

"We want to help the poor countries of the world, the borrowing countries of the world," said Beryl Sprinkel, undersecretary of the treasury. "We do not want to redistribute our wealth to them with zero results."

Sprinkel spoke at a news conference at which a long-awaited administration report on plans for future participation in international lending institutions was released.

The report shows the administration wants

World Bank lends states \$203m

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AFP) — The World Bank and its affiliates announced the granting of loans totalling \$203 million to the Bahamas, Benin, Cameroon, Colombia, Guyana and Peru.

Peru is to get \$93 million for roads, Colombia \$77 million for railways, Cameroon \$17 million for timber production, and Benin \$8 million for oil exploration.

The bank will lend the Bahamas \$5.8 million to boost industry and improve condition in the grants town suburb of Nassau, and \$2 million to Guyana to attract foreign oil prospectors.

to reduce overall U.S. contributions to the International Development Association, the so-called "soft loan" affiliate to the World Bank, and three other institutions from the \$1.54 billion sought from Congress for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 to \$1.14 billion in the 1987 fiscal year.

The IDA, however, typically lends for 50 years at no interest and relies on funds appropriated by 33 World Bank member governments. Sprinkel said the United States wants the World Bank to insist on tougher conditions for IDA loans, such as guarantees that the loan actually will improve the economy of the borrowing country.

The International Monetary Fund was not covered by the report, and Sprinkel said the administration was preparing a study on IMF operations. The IMF already requires tough conditions, such as the elimination of food subsidies and currency devaluations, before it will grant many loans.

The other three institutions discussed in the report are the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the African Development Fund.

The report also urges more encouragement by these inter-governmental banks to make loans in cooperation with private banks and to get poor countries to more of borrowing from private sources entirely — a process it calls "graduation."

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (SR)	Closing Date
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Saudi Telephone	Supply of stationery	12053	50	22.2.82
Education Ministry	Supply and installation of dynamos in some schools in various areas for 1401/1402H	79/M	250	23.2.82
Abqiq Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Ain Dar graveyards	—	500	27.2.82

LONDON, (R) — U.S. entrepreneur John de Lorean called in receivers for his motor company Friday in a final attempt to keep his luxury sports car in production after the British government refused him any more financing. The government, which has ploughed almost 80 million sterling (\$150 million) into the company, has ruled out any further aid for the troubled Belfast carmaker.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens left Washington after expressing West European concern about high U.S. interest rates to President Ronald Reagan and other American officials. Martens voiced the heightened dismay among the countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) over U.S. economic policies in his talks with Reagan.

COLOMBO, (AFP) — Sri Lanka and the Soviet Union Friday signed a shipping agree-

ment to share cargo on a 60-50 basis, both in terms of tonnage and freight earnings. This is Sri Lanka's first shipping agreement with an East European country. The cargo sharing arrangement will enable Sri Lanka's national shipping line to extend its services to the Mediterranean ports so that they include Black Sea ports as well.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — The French Airbus Industries consortium has reportedly offered to cooperate with the Dutch Fokker Company in the possible construction of an Airbus-320 aircraft, with Fokker designing the plane and building the wings, the *Tele-graph* paper reported here Friday. Company spokesman Leo Steijn said there had been no such approach, or talks when the new 310 Airbus built with Fokker's co-operation was presented this week.

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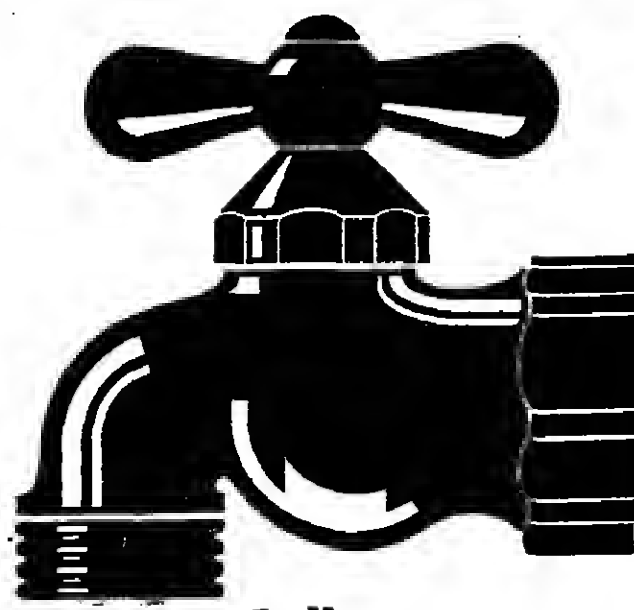
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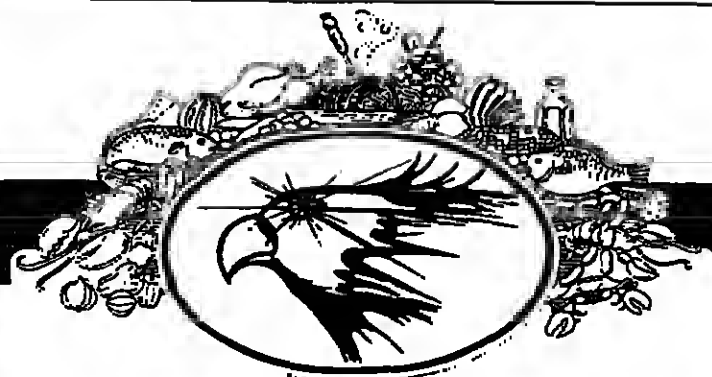
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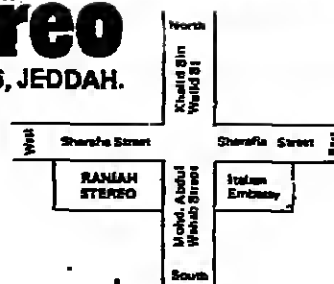
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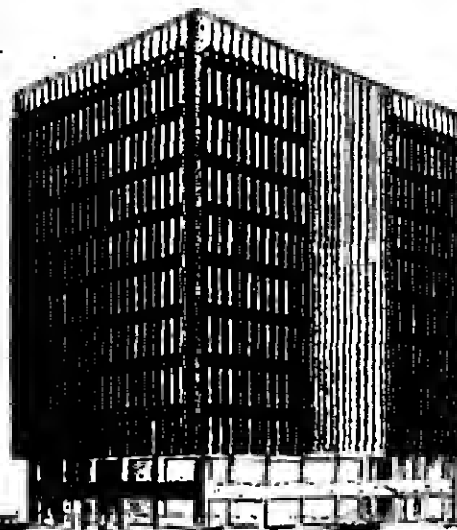
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Lendl stages rally to oust Warwick

LA QUINTA, California, Feb. 19 (AP) — Ivan Lendl fought back from a first-set loss to run his winning streak to 42 matches with a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over unseeded Kim Warwick in Thursday's third round of the \$200,000 Congoleum Classic Men's Tennis Tournament.

Lendl, the 21-year-old Czechoslovakian who has won eight consecutive tournaments, made a number of unforced errors in the first set against Warwick, of Australia. But Lendl, the tournament's top seed, rallied in the second set, then barely held off Warwick in the third.

"I didn't play my best," said Lendl. "And everybody is good enough to give you trouble. He played very well. He is a good player and was in the top 15 for a long time." Lendl added that he wasn't missing shots in the second and third sets, and was able to take advantage of weak shots by Warwick.

In other third-round matches, second-

seeded Eliot Teltscher whipped tenth-seeded Thomas Smid of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-3. No. 3 Roscoe Tanner downed ninth-seeded Hank Pfister 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France blasted unseeded Buster Mottram of Great Britain 6-3, 6-0. Seventh-seeded Harold Solomon overwhelmed unseeded Tim Gullickson 6-0, 6-1. Unseeded Victor Amaya topped 12th-seeded Shlomo Glickstein 7-6, 6-4. Unseeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico eliminated unseeded John Lloyd of Great Britain 6-2, 6-3, and unseeded Phil Dent of Australia topped 11th-seeded Mel Purcell 7-6, 6-3.

In Friday's quarterfinals at the La Quinta Hotel Tennis Club, Lendl faces Amaya. Teltscher meets Solomon. Tanner takes on Ramirez and Noah plays Dent. The semifinals are scheduled Saturday and the championship match is slated Sunday. The singles champion will collect \$32,000 and the runner-up will earn \$16,000.



Yannick Noah... stops Mottram

Fromholtz upsets Turnbull

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 19 (AP) — Unseeded Diane Fromholtz, coming off a year-long slump, took advantage of string of errors by second-seeded Wendy Turnbull for a 6-2, 6-3 upset victory Thursday in a second round match of the \$100,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Houston.

Turnbull, the No. 8 ranked women's player in the world, had trouble with her service game starting with the first set when she was broken in the second, sixth and eighth games. "When you don't get your first serve in, you lose some of your aggressiveness," Turnbull said. "I foot-faulted in the first game and it really threw off my concentration."

Fromholtz, trying to improve her No. 35

Smith sparkles for Minnesota

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — Bobby Smith came to Minnesota North Stars' rescue in the National Hockey League action against Calgary Flames.

With just 2:11 left to play, Smith scored a hizzare goal from in back of the net to enable North Stars to tie 2-2 with the Flames. Minnesota had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period but Calgary struck once in the second and third period to forge ahead till Smith's goal restored parity.

The other action of the NHL also ended in

world ranking, won 19 of 21 points from the sixth game of the first set through the second game of the second set. After Fromholtz took a 5-1 lead in the second set, Turnbull made her final rally, breaking Fromholtz in the seventh game and holding service in the 24-point eighth game when she fought off three match points.

Turnbull fell behind 0-3 in the opening set before holding service and breaking Fromholtz in a 17-point fifth game. Turnbull faded, however, and Fromholtz broke back twice to close out the set. Third-seeded Bettina Bunge defeated Mary Lou Piatek 6-4, 6-3 in a later quarterfinals match.

a close tie. New York Rangers after enjoying the lead in the first two periods fell in arrears in the final period as Colorado Rockies scored twice in quick succession to take a 4-3 lead.

The Rockies had gone through a scoreless second period with the Rangers notching two of its goals to go into the final period with a 3-2 advantage. And just when it looked like the Rockies would scrape home, Mark Pavelich nudged in a loose puck with 1:26 remaining Thursday night boosting the New York Rangers into a 4-4 tie.

Top drivers in Portugal Rally

LISBON, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The Opel Ascona of West Germany's Monte Carlo Rally winner Walter Rohrl will be car No. 1 in the next Championship Rally of the season, the Portugal Rally from March 3 to 7.

A total of 109 teams have entered the Rally, but a notable absentee will be Markku Alen of Finland, who drove a Fiat 137 last year. However, leading drivers entered include three other "Flying Finns," Hannu Mikkola (Audi Quattro), Timo Salonen (Datsun Violet) and Henry Toivonen (Opel Ascona).

Other well known names registered for Portugal are Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden (Toyota Celica), compatriot Per Eklund (Toyota Celica), Frenchwoman Michele Mouton (Audi Quattro) and Britain's Tony Pond (Datsun Violet).

Meanwhile, Brasilia, Brazil former Formula One world auto race champion Emerson Fittipaldi announced the support of Brazilian government-owned coffee and oil companies for his three-car Grand Prix team. Each will put up \$150,000 to help Fittipaldi put his team on the track throughout the 1982 season.

As part of the deal Fittipaldi has promised to open a Formula One drivers school and to reserve at least one place on the team for a Brazilian.

In Los Angeles Open Golf Mauney shoots a course record

LOS ANGELES, California, Feb. 19 (AP) — Terry Mauney, barely qualified for the last of 144 spots in the Glen Campbell-Loss Angeles Open Tournament, shot a Riviera Country Club competitive course record Thursday in the opening round of the \$300,000 tournament.

Mauney fired an 8-under-par 32-31-63 over a demanding Riviera layout, one stroke better than the old record for the course. To take a 4-stroke lead after the first round. He had to qualify on Monday, and he was among several players who shot 74. Those at 75 qualified to play, with just one slot open at 74.

"I birdied the first hole of the playoff, so I was in," said Mauney, who has earned \$3,810 officially on the tour this season. The round left him four strokes in front of Mike Morley, Wayne Levi and Tom Weiskopf. He started with birdies in three holes with putts of 6.30 and 20 feet (6-9 meters). Then on the 17th, he hit a nine iron 117 yards that rolled back and into the hole for an eagle.

Until Mauney's round, the best 18-hole scores over the tough Riviera course were 64s by Pat Fitzsimons in 1975 and Ed Snead last year. Defending champion Johnny Miller was

at 68, tied with Morris Hatafsky and Vance Heafner after Thursday's opening round. Lee Trevino, who shot a 65 in the Pro-Am prelude Wednesday slumped to a 78 and may have trouble qualifying for the final 36 holes of this 72-hole event. Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, who usually play in the La Open. Postlewait, a non-winner in eight years have skipped their chance for the \$54,000 top prize.

Kathy cards day's best

Meanwhile, unheralded Kathy Postlewait fired a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to grab a 1-stroke lead after the first round of the \$150,000 LPGA Bent Tree Golf Classic, in Sarasota, Florida.

Postlewait, a non-winner in eight years on the tour, bested Barbara Moenness, who was second with a 5-under-par 67. Tied for third two strokes back are defending champion Amy Alcott and second-year pro Lynn Stoney.

Joanne Carner, the 1981 LPGA player of the year, is alone at 69, while Lenore Murakami, Gail Hirata, Vick Singleton, Dot Germain and Bonnie Bryant were tied for sixth at

70. Postlewait, who tied her career-best single round, began by birdies the first three holes on the 6,088-yard Bent Tree Golf and Racquet Club Course. She added two more birdies on the front nine and made the turn in 31, five strokes under par.

Postlewait credited a slight change in her putting stance for her success. "I've been having trouble putting the last three tournaments," Postlewait said. Hollis Stacy, winner of two 1982 Ladies Professional Golf Association events, slumped to a 2-over-par 74. Stacy bogeyed three holes on the front nine, before regrouping for a 1-under-par 35 on the back nine. Meanwhile, Postlewait was having little trouble in her chase for the 22,500 winner's purse.

Shu sole leader

Taiwan's Shu Sheng San took the lead on the second day of the \$150,000 Philippine Open Golf Championship in Manila Friday. Shu, 40, now holds a two-day total of 142, two strokes ahead of American Curt Byrum and Hsieh Min Nan also from Taiwan. The first day leader, Filipino Gil Ababa, has slipped to fourth place with 145.

Gumbs batters McEwan to defend crown

LIVERPOOL, England, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Toronto-based boxer Roy Gumbs Thursday successfully defended his British middleweight title here stopping Birmingham's Glen McEwan in 1 min 28 sec of the 13th round of a scheduled 15 rounds bout.

The referee stepped in to end the contest with the 23-year-old Panamanian-born McEwan slumped through the ropes after being battered by a furious assault by Gumbs.

The champion, formerly of Tottenham, London, may have won the fight, but he made few fans. Three rounds before he burst into lethal action, it looked more likely that the Birmingham-based McEwan would be able to pull off a shock result. The fight was a non-event for the first eight rounds with Gumbs content to poke and prod, while McEwan constantly slipped away from the champions' heavier punches.

Gumbs took almost a minute to land his first punch of the fight and after slow hand clapping from the crowd in round five, which prompted one fan to shout "Give us back our dole (unemployment) money", the response was more action at the start of the sixth round.

Gumbs responded by opening a small cut under McEwan's left eye and spent the next two rounds landing left jabs and right crosses to exploit the wound. At the end of round eight McEwan was hanging on but in round nine he turned the fight when a series of heavy punches had Gumbs reeling.

McEwan went into Gumbs in a bid to end the fight before his wound worsened and by round 11 Gumbs was holding on desperately. The champion finally struck in the 13th when a right cross and an upper-cut floored McE-

wan for a count of eight. As McEwan rose, Gumbs launched his blitz leaving the challenger into the ropes for a count of seven before the referee stepped in.

Gumbs said later, "I was surprised by McEwan. I thought he would be that slippery right through the fight. He had me worried when he started coming back at me in round nine. But it was no good me thinking about giving up. I am the champion and I just had to bang on it."

Gumbs trainer, Irving Ungerman, who came out of retirement to handle Gumbs when the West Indian moved to Canada said: "I was happy he won the fight, but we felt he was ahead by 10 rounds to three anyway. We were, however, a bit worried in the corner when McEwan came back very strongly. But Roy turned the tables again in the 13th. That's why he's the champion."

Denmark claims Thomas Cup zonal title

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 19 (AP) — Flemming Delfs of Denmark scored a commanding 15-3, 15-6 win over Sweden's Sture Johansson Thursday to clinch for Denmark the Thomas Cup Badminton European Zone title.

With three matches to go in the nine-match meet, it dashed Sweden's hopes for the title again for the seventh time against Denmark, which has advanced to the Thomas Cup Inter-Zone finals all previous 12 times.

The 30-year-old Delfs, former world champion, kept 36-year-old Johansson off balance, forcing him into several faults at the net. It followed a similar rousing of Sweden's Stefan Karlsson by Danish ace Morten Frost 15-4, 15-1 in the night's opening singles match.

With Denmark's lead on ice, Swedish morale evaporated. Thomas Kihlstrom complained of a painful Achilles tendon and refused to go on court against Denmark's up-and-coming Jens Peter Nierhoff, who had scored a 15-8, 15-3 upset over Sweden's Karlsson on Wednesday. Court officials ordered Kihlstrom on court but as Nierhoff reached a 3-0 lead in the first set, Kihlstrom gave up and walked off, leaving the 21-year-old Nierhoff standing alone.

Denmark's coach, Svend Pri, said he would ask the Danish Badminton Federation to lodge a protest with the international body over Kihlstrom's action. Order was restored

and Denmark's Frost and Steen Fladberg faced off against the Swedish duo of Karlsson and Claes Nordin.

The Swedes managed to break the Danes' rhythm after Frost and Fladberg pushed to 13-7 in the first game. With a series of blistering strokes the Danes recovered to win the game at 18-17, then took the second game at 15-6.

In the closing doubles battle, Sweden called in Christer Lundberg to replace Kihlstrom, who was to have teamed up with Lars Wengberg against Nierhoff and Jesper Hell-

edie of Denmark. The Danes won the first game with an easy 15-4 margin and only met resistance in the second, but prevailed at 15-10.

It brought Denmark to a final 8-1 decision over Sweden for the European Zone title. Denmark had taken a 3-1 lead on the opening day. Denmark now advances to the Thomas Cup Inter-Zone finals to be played in May in England against defending champion Indonesia, host-country England, and the winners of the Asian, Pan-American and Oceanic Zones.

Seeded Jones falls in battle of Kims

NASHVILLE, Feb. 19 (AP) — Defending champion Susan Leo of Australia was bounced out of the Avon Futures of Nashville Tennis Tournament Thursday by Marcella Mesker of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-4.

Mesker dominated her 19-year-old opponent as she raced to a 4-0 lead in the second set of the center court match and advanced to Friday's quarterfinals. Second-seeded Julie Harrington, of the U.S. defeated country-mate Dana Gilbert 6-1, 6-3, however, sixth-seeded Kim Jones of the U.S. was not as fortunate.

Jones became the fifth seed to be upset when American Kim Steinmetz, rallied to a 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 victory. Steinmetz, play-

ing just her second Futures tourney of the year, jumped to a 5-2 lead in the second set and held on from there.

Other winners Thursday included Americans Ann Henricksson, who beat 14-year-old Michelle Torres 6-0, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, and Lisa Bonder, who defeated Olive Smith 6-2, 6-3. Fourth-seeded Eva Pfaff of West Germany advanced with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Marcela Skuherska of Czechoslovakia.

The Nashville tournament is a \$40,000 event, with \$5,000 going to the winner of Sunday's final singles match. Friday's four quarterfinal winners also gain entry into the Avon Championship events.

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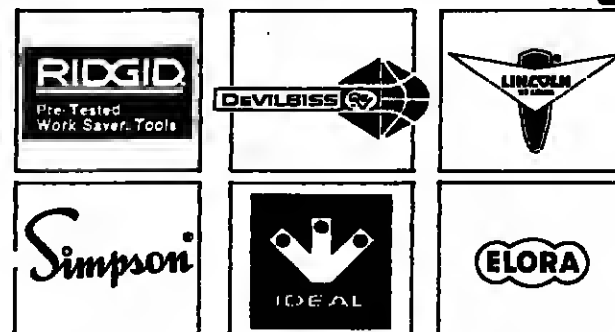
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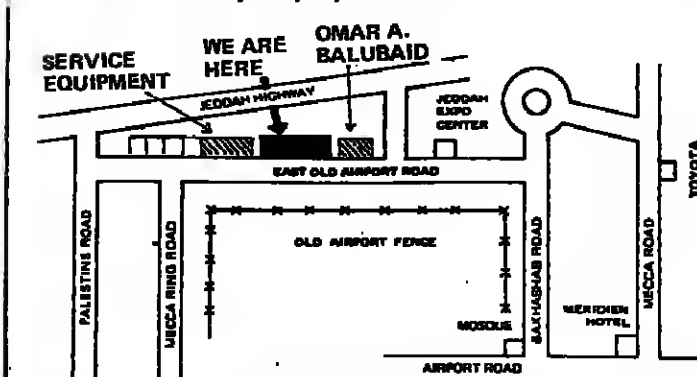
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Supersonics revel at home

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP) — The Seattle Supersonics, holders of the best home court record in the National Basketball Association (21-4), found safe haven Thursday night at home, where they halted a four-game losing streak with a 105-87 victory over the Washington Bullets. They have now won 10 straight at home.

In the only other NBA game, Billy Knight scored 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Indiana Pacers over the San Diego Clippers 119-114.

Before Seattle lost four straight on the road, the Sonics had been the hottest team in the league and had taken over first place in the Pacific Division. Thursday night's win moved them back into a tie with the Los Angeles Lakers.

It also was the Sonics' debut for guard Phil Smith, acquired last Friday in a trade with San Diego. Smith got 25 minutes of action during the decisive Seattle win, scoring 10

points and coming up with five steals. "I try to read situations," said Smith, a seven-year NBA veteran. "I take the open shot and I try to move the ball around and play defense, too. I try to mix it up, do a little of everything."

Sonics coach Lenny Wilkens, pleased with Smith's play, said: "Phil brings the dimension of a veteran. He's experienced, he's also a very smart player and can score. I was happy we could play him a lot. He's going to be a welcome addition to our ball club."

Smith entered the game late in the first quarter as Seattle was surging to a 32-22 lead behind the scoring of guard Gus Williams. On the way to leading all scorers with 26 points, Williams tallied 18 in the first quarter.

Bullets coach Gene Shue, whose team is 3-2 on its current road trip and is in fifth place in the Atlantic Division, felt Williams' quick getaway and strong Sonics play around the basket were vital to the outcome. "One of our

keys was trying to control Gus," said Shue. "But he got off to such a good start that it really hurt us. I thought they had a fine half game. They took our inside game away and forced us to take the outside shot, which really threw us off."

The Sonics outrebounded Washington, 51-43, led by Lonnie Shelton's 15 retrieves. Sikma added 10 rebounds while scoring 18 points. Forward Greg Ballard led the Bullets with 17 points, while reserve Charles Davis added 12.

Pacers 119, Clippers 114: The Pacers blew a 19-point second-quarter lead and fell behind by five in the third quarter before bouncing back. Leading 111-109 with 1:11 left, the Pacers ran off eight consecutive points to wrap it up. Herb Williams and Louis Orr added 17 points apiece for Indiana, while the game's leading scorer was San Diego rookie Al Wood with a career-high 26. Jerome Whitehead has 21 points and 14 rebounds for San Diego.

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River Plate seeks suspension of 11 players

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 19 (AP) — The River Plate soccer club decided Friday to request a 45-day suspension for 11 of its players, including six members of Argentina's world championship national team which this week began practicing to defend its title at the 1982 World Cup Tournament in Spain.

In order to take effect the suspension — requested by the River Plate board of directors in a meeting that began Thursday night and ended Friday morning — must be ratified by the Argentine Soccer Association (AFA).

The board of directors agrees to request that the AFA order the sports disqualification for a period of 45 days beginning Feb. 10, 1982," said a River Plate communique. River Plate president Rafael Aragon Cabrera

said he believed "That the AFA will ratify the sanction," adding that "The AFA is not going to act against the wishes of River Plate."

It was not immediately known when the AFA executive committee would consider the River Plate order. AFA president Julio Grandona said earlier in the week, however, that the organization was ready to "collaborate with" River Plate. There was no immediate reaction from the players.

The River Plate action affected players who refused to participate in a friendly game against the Uruguayan team Penarol on Feb. 10 in the seaside resort city of Mar Del Plata, 250 miles (402-km) south of Buenos Aires. The players had demanded \$1,000 each to play, but River Plate offered only \$800.

Players affected by the suspension request

include team captain Daniel Passarella, 1978 World Cup hero Mario Kempes, goalie Ubaldo Filoli, Americo Gallego, Ramon Eliaz and Julio Olarticoechea, all members of the River Plate starting lineup who had been chosen to play on the national team.

The national team, led by coach Cesar Menotti — himself under fire for recent statements criticizing Argentina's military government — began practice Monday in Mar Del Plata. Aragon Cabrera said that the sanction requested by River Plate contemplated the return of the six national team players to Buenos Aires where they would be required to practice with their club.

Soccer experts said, however, that the AFA could request that River Plate allow the six players to continue practice with the national team.

Soviets yet to iron out problems before going to Spain

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — Inexperience, injuries and lack of will power could hamper the Soviet Union at the World Cup Soccer Championships in Spain, the U.S.S.R. Soccer Federation chief said in an interview published Thursday.

"I'd like to stress that the team is still very young. It was formed on the basis of our unsuccessful Olympic national team only two years ago. There isn't a single player who has ever participated in the World Cup finals," Vyacheslav Koloskov told the Soviet Trade Union newspaper *Trud*.

The Soviets are highly regarded in the 24-nation field after winning all their qualification matches against some of Europe's top teams. The country had failed to qualify for the last two World Cup tournaments.

"Talking about the high predictions about the team made by the world and European press, we realize that there still exist a number of problems, particularly concerning the health of such players as Kipiani and Bala-

cha," Koloskov said.

Sergei Baltacha, 22, a defender from Dynamo Kiev, is suffering from a groin injury, and David Kipiani, 30, a star forward from Dynamo Tbilisi, is still recovering from a broken hip suffered in a match last September in Spain with Real Madrid.

"Concerning the will power of some of the candidates," Koloskov said, "it is dangerous to underestimate the competition as well as to overestimate their qualities. But it is important that the team is united now and understands its goal."

The Soviets have already started intensive preparation for the June 13-July 11 tournament. They are grouped with Brazil, Scotland and New Zealand in the first round.

Head coach Konstantin Beskov has twice taken the prospective team to Spain for training sessions and warmup matches. "To our great sorrow, they were unable to play in Malaga or Seville, where they start the World

Cup," Koloskov said.

"Naturally it is necessary to carefully study the competitors to the group and lead the team to its peak form at the right moment," the official said. He said high temperatures and humidity are another potential problem for the Soviet team. "It is necessary, so to speak, to have 'heat resistant' soccer players."

Candidates for the team will train together for six days each month this spring to prepare for 12 to 15 warmup matches. "The first is scheduled March 10 in Greece. The biggest interest, it seems, are two games in Argentina — including one with the world champions on April 14 or 17," Koloskov said. "In early May, the national team will play East Germany in Moscow."

The Soviets have submitted names of 40 candidates for the team and will make the final 22 selections shortly before the tournament starts, he said.



Gus Williams... leads the attack

Norwegian Aunli claims first gold

HOLMENKOLLEN, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Berit Aunli won the women's 10 kilometers cross country event here Friday to claim the first gold medal of the World Nordic Skiing Championships here for Norway.

Aunli, 25, won in a time of 29 minutes 25.9 beating Finland's Hilka Riihivuori into second place by more than 20 seconds at 29:46.5 and World Cup leader Kvetia Jeriova of Czechoslovakia into third place 50 seconds back at 30:15.8.

The Norwegian, who was second in the women's World Cup last year behind the Soviet Union's Raisa Smetanina, dominated the event from start to finish and Norwegians took four of the first ten places with Brit Pettersen, fourth, Anette Boe, fifth and Inger Helene Nybraten, ninth. It was a disappointing opening event for the Soviet Union whose highest placed finisher was Lubov Ljadova in seventh place.

In the men's section, Hubert Schwarz of West Germany won the ski jumping event as competitors jumped from the 70 meters Midtstubakken platform. Hubert logged 221.7 points ahead of East German Gunther Schmeider and Russian Alexander Maiorov. The second and final section of the combine, a 15km cross country, will be held Saturday.

Berit Aunli said afterward, "I was in good form. The snow was excellent and I was literally carried along by the support from the crowd. I knew after four kilometers that I was slightly ahead but it wasn't until the seventh kilometer that my coach shouted to me that it was certain to win." Aunli said she now hoped to go for more medals in the five and twenty kilometers events.

As Nakajima steals the thunder Shearer takes firm grip

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 19 (AP) — Japan's Tommy Nakajima stole the limelight at Huntingdale Friday in an action-packed second round of the Australian Masters Golf Tournament.

But Victorian Bob Shearer tightened his grip on the winner's check. Hours after Shearer shot his second successive 70 to go to a six under the card total of 140 and a three stroke lead which he kept for the rest of the day, Nakajima electrified the gallery with his sensational round.

The 27-year-old crashed his way through the 18 holes in a course record equalling 66. Nakajima — called Tommy by local golf authorities who find it hard to come to grips with his name of Tsuneyuki — shot an amazing nine birdies in the first 15 holes on the way to equaling the record set by Sydneysider Rodger Davis two years ago.

Nakajima, who started the day at five over, rapidly whittled down the effects of Thursday's 78, despite bogeys at the ninth and 17th. At the ninth he hooked his second shot into the trees, while at the 17th his tee shot went into the rough on the right of the fairway.

Through an interpreter, Nakajima, who lives close to Tokyo gave a unique explanation for his remarkable round. "Last night at the golfers' dinner I got Arnold Palmer's autograph. It made my whole day and lifted me," he said.

Shearer did not put a foot wrong Friday and was the only player in the top bracket who did not have a lapse at some stage. His three-under overnight card remained that way until he birdied the seventh — and he

repeated the effort at the 10th. By the time he reached the 13th, West Australian Lyndsay Stephen and Japan's Akira Yabe were up with him on five under, but Stephen dropped out of the race at the next while Yabe held on until the 15th.

He had a number of two putts, some from up to 30 and 40 feet (48-64-m), and was one of a number of players who said the greens were a lot better than Thursday, although still a little bumpy. Stephen had a frustrating up and down round which saw him slump from his overnight three under to one under before he recovered to finish with a two round total of 143. Yabe stayed on his overnight two under until the 10th when he gained some ground before dropping back on the 17th.

Late in the day another West Australian, Graham Marsh, also returned a three-under card after gaining a stroke during his round. He shares the same mark with Noel Ratcliffe (NSW), American Mike Colandro and Queensland Mike Ferguson. Ferguson started the day square and actually lost ground at the third before recovering to stay in contention.

Queenslander Glen Vines, who was well placed at two under, went to four under at two different stages of his round Friday but bogeyed the last three holes to finish just one under the card on 144.

Veteran American Arnold Palmer shot the same total to improve three strokes on his opening day effort but is nine shots behind Shearer. Tony Jacklin's 75 has him on the same mark as Langer. Queensland Greg Norman, who is capable of cutting loose over the last two days and making up lost ground, had another par 73 Friday and on 146 is still in the running.

BRIEFS

MADRID, Feb. 19 (AFP) — Madrid's hotel workers are threatening a general strike during the World Football Cup here in June in pursuit of a pay rise. Their goal is an all round 11 percent pay rise, a reduction in working hours to a 40 hour week and two consecutive days off a week. The employers organization is offering an 11 percent increase in luxury hotels and between nine and ten percent in the remainder. The hotel workers plan to hold warning strikes on three days in March, April and May.

LONDON, (AFP) — Ron Saunders agreed in principle to become manager of Birmingham City — ten days after ending a seven and a half year reign at neighboring Aston Villa. Saunders met Birmingham chairman, Keith Coombs, and vice-chairman Jack Wiseman at St. Andrews and said afterwards that Birmingham had offered him a three year contract on the same basis as the one he had with Aston Villa.

HYDERABAD, (AP) — India edged Pakistan 1-0 Friday in the second Junior Field Hockey international in this southern

Indian city. The goal was scored in the first-half by inside-left K.P. Yadav. The first match in the four-international series ended in a 2-2 draw at Bombay. The third international will be played in the central Indian city of Nagpur next Sunday.

PERTH, (AP) — A fighting century by Craig Bradley foiled Pakistan's hopes of forcing Australia to follow-on in the third Under-19 Cricket Test at the WACA ground Friday. Bradley scored 119 and helped Australia to reach 364 in reply to the Pakistan's first innings total of 419. At stumps, on the third day, Pakistan was 88 for two in its second innings, giving them an overall lead of 143 runs.

PARIS, (AFP) — Michel Vion, surprise gold medalist in the combine event at the recent World Alpine Skiing Championships in Schladming, Austria, will not take part in the American section of the World Cup series. The Frenchman has decided to concentrate on the various European Cup races scheduled for the end of February and the beginning of March.

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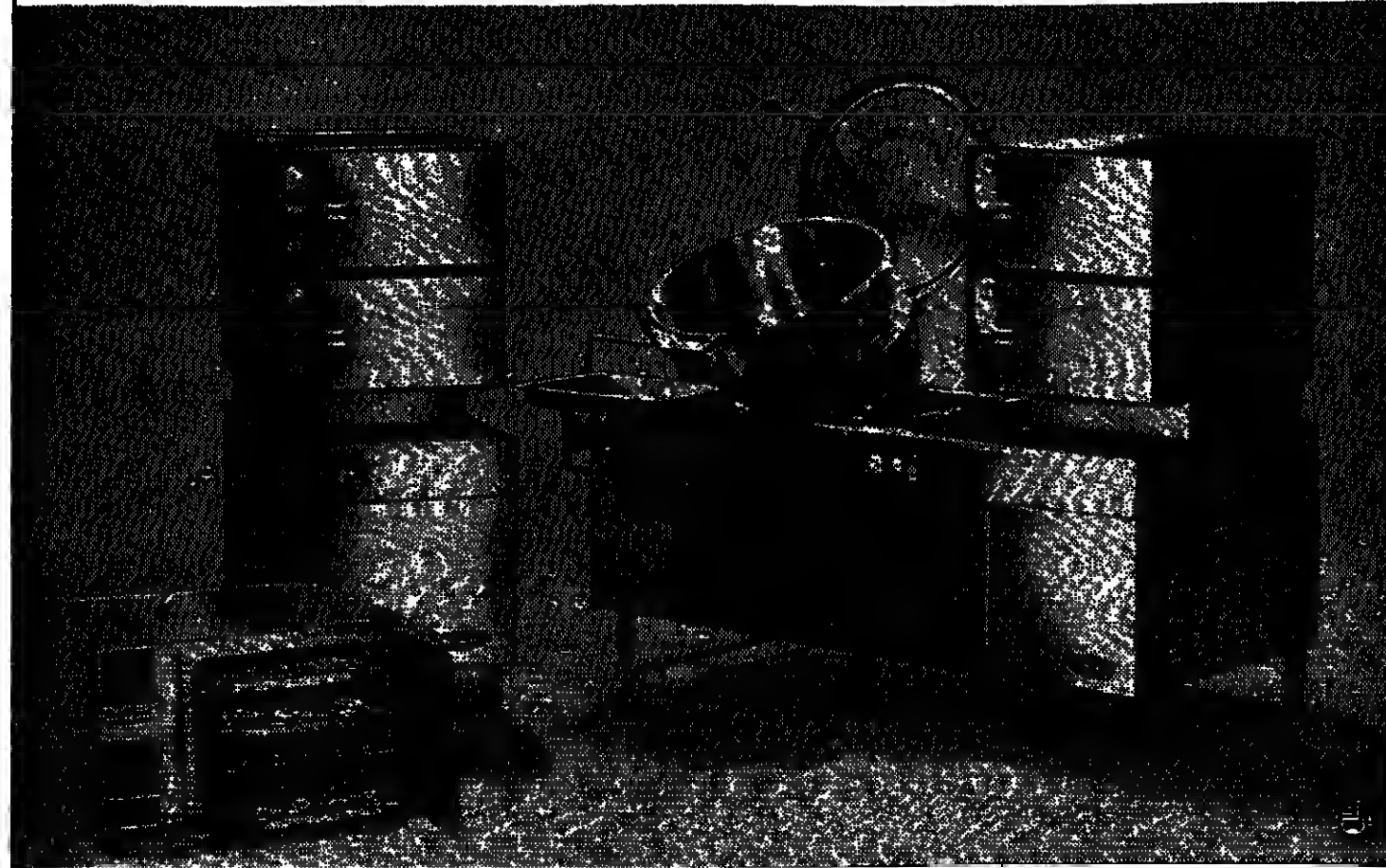
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Arab News Calendar

TV Programs

SAUDI ARABIA

9:00 Quran
9:15 Quran
10:15 Children's Songs
10:20 The Developing Mind
10:30 Arabic Series
12:01 Foreign Series
12:40 Arabic Series
1:40 Close Down (Evening Period)
5:00 Quran
5:10 Quran
6:15 Local Arabic News
6:30 The Quran School
7:10 It Is A Small World Play
7:45 English News
8:00 Foreign Play/Dt. Wilby
9:30 Arabic News
Program Preview
— Daily Arabic Series
— Song
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Religious Talk
— 420 Program Preview
— 420 Cartoons
— 5:00 Children's Series
— 6:00 Little House on the Prairie
— 7:30 Arabic Series
— 8:00 Local Musical Program
— 9:20 Concerto's Program
— 9:50 Arabic Series
— 10:15 Arabic Film
— 10:30 News
— 10:45 News
— 11:00 News
— 11:10 News
— 11:20 News
— 11:30 News
— 11:40 News
— 11:50 News
— 12:00 News

DUBAI Channel 10

4:00 Quran
4:15 Religious Talk
4:30 Cartoons
5:00 Children's Series
5:30 Local Children Program
6:00 Documentary
6:30 Theater World
6:45 Quran
7:00 Local News
8:00 Eight Is Enough
9:00 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News
10:30 Program Preview/Songs
10:45 Weekly Arabic Series
12:00 Closedown

DUBAI Channel 33

5:00 Holy Quran
5:15 The Film
5:30 Rolf On Saturday OK
6:00 Mr. Martin
6:30 Wings to Adventure
6:45 Big League Soccer
7:40 Local News
8:00 Quran
8:00 Eight Is Enough
8:15 Islamic Horizons
9:05 Koots Landing
10:00 World News
10:30 Closedown

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4:00 Quran
4:17 Today's Program
4:30 Cartoons
4:40 Children's Program
5:40 Adult Education
6:10 Songs
6:15 Religious Program
7:00 News
7:30 Arabic Film Series
8:30 Folk Song
8:30 Arabic News
9:00 Cultural Series
9:30 News
9:45 Song

Bahrain Channel 4

— Religious Talk
— 420 Program Preview
— 420 Cartoons
— 5:00 Children's Series
— 6:00 Little House on the Prairie
— 7:30 Arabic Series
— 8:00 Local Musical Program
— 9:20 Concerto's Program
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— 12:00 News

Bahrain Channel 55

6:00 Program Preview
6:15 Religious Program
7:00 News
7:30 Arabic Film Series
8:30 Folk Song
8:30 Arabic News
9:00 Cultural Series
9:30 News
9:45 Song

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Notice
- Tapestry
- Alpine snow field
- Lustrous
- Region
- Matador's item
- Chased
- Small violin
- Ship's timber curve
- Scottish uncle
- Ululations
- Wrest
- Canter
- Heap
- French river
- Greek letter
- In good shape
- Vietnamese holiday
- Futile
- Melodic
- Mine entrance
- Mob member
- Bare
- Literary giant
- One kind of school
- DOWN
- Break
- So. Am. country
- Finished

4 Afternoon

5 Popular comic strip

6 Trouble

7 Took a fast look

8 Hint at

9 Island

10 in N.Y. Bay

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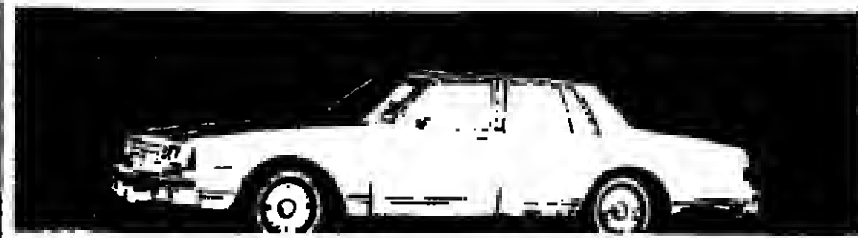
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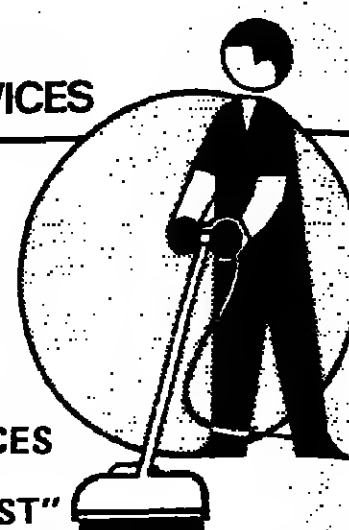
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Jail for generals demanded

Spanish plotters' trial begins

MADRID, Feb. 19 (Agencies) — The armed forces' highest tribunal put 32 military officers and one civilian on trial Friday for trying to overthrow Spain's young democracy with the prosecution asking prison terms of 30 years for two generals and a civil guard officer who led the storming of Parliament last year.

Prosecutor Jose Maria Clavero Torrent, a navy officer, also confirmed a request for sentences ranging from 18 months to 20 years for the other defendants.

A battery of defense lawyers denied the charges of military rebellion and asked acquittal as the court martial opened under heavy military security in a redecorated army warehouse on Madrid's outskirts. Special anti-terrorist troops stood guard outside the building.

Lt. Gen. Luis Alvarez called the court martial to order with the defendants seated on red velvet chairs and facing the tribunal of 15 generals and two admirals. The accused officers were protected from the rest of the courtroom by a screen of bullet-proof glass.

Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led the parliament seizure Feb. 23, was smiling and talking with fellow defendants before the court martial began.

Lt. Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch, the highest ranking officer on trial, was seated beside former Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada. Both looked straight ahead as the prosecution demanded the maximum term of 30 years imprisonment for each.

A much decorated infantry officer, Milans del Bosch was accused of supporting the coup attempt by ordering tanks from his eastern Valencia military command into the street.

Armada has been accused of plotting the coup to attempt overthrow the government and install himself as new premier. National police reported no incidents as the trial started.

Officials from the civilian-run Defense Department described the trial as the most important in military history in this century. It is considered a watershed for the centrist government of Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo because of continuing military and right-wing unrest since the coup attempt.

The trial by the Supreme Council of Military Justice, composed of 15 generals and two vice admirals, was expected to run for 30-35 days.

Wall graffiti supporting Lt. Col. Tejero sprang up in the Spanish capital on the eve of the trial.

But the army anti-terrorist troops armed with submachine guns and civil guard experts ringed the army mapping center on Madrid's outskirts where the court martial began.

Defense Department officials said the presentation of the 11,000-word charge by the prosecution could take several days before the first witness, including 19 generals, are called to testify. Twenty-three lawyers and nine generals acting as co-defenders were seated at the left of the tribunal.

Raid plan known to U.S., Rene says

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 19 (AP) — President France-Albert Rene of the Seychelles said Friday he was "quite convinced" that the U.S. and British intelligence services had prior knowledge of the attempted coup against his government last November.

He told a press conference at the European Parliament that investigations under way would reveal the full extent of their involvement.

Rene said that in the near future "we will have a very clear picture of the part played by these organizations" in the attempted coup launched by mercenaries from South Africa Nov. 25.

He predicted that the United States would become "more and more aggressive" in the struggle with the Soviet Union for influence in the strategic Indian Ocean. He said the Seychelles, a Marxist state under Rene, would be subjected to "increasing attempts at destabilization."

"We are going to resist these attempts," he said. "Europe must help us to withstand the pressure" to force the Seychelles into "one superpower camp or the other," Rene said.

The Seychelles is a nonaligned country, Rene said, and "we will defend the right to remain so with courage and vigor."

Indo-Pakistan talks to resume on March 1

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (AFP) — India and Pakistan will take up specific elements of a no-war pact for consideration at the official level talks beginning in Islamabad on March 1.

Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao said Friday in Parliament that the two countries "are now in a position to undertake specific consideration of the elements which could constitute the substance of a no-war pact or an agreement on non-aggression and non-use of force."

In a statement on the former Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi's visit here last month for a first round of talks on the projected pact, Rao said Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe was expected to go to Pakistan in the first week of March to resume the talks.

The coup collapsed without bloodshed when Spain's head of state and armed forces commander-in-chief, King Juan Carlos, ordered it crushed, and some of the civil guards who had held the entire 350-seat lower house and government hostage at gunpoint for 18 hours deserted Parliament to surrender to loyal police and army units.

Ahead of the court martial, parliament's major parties, with the exception of Conservative Party, called for calm in the nation and said they were confident the Supreme Council of Military Justice would arrive at just sentences for those who "tried to infringe on the free function of the constitution."

The trial opens at a time of renewed tension in Spain caused by a fresh outbreak of suspected separatist violence in the northern Basque country. Government officials said the hard-line military wing of the Marxist guerrilla organization ETA (Basque homeland and liberty) was responsible for the

ZAPU minister to quit

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, Feb. 19 (AP) — A ZAPU cabinet minister has decided to quit Zimbabwe's crumbling coalition government in support of his leader, Joshua Nkomo who was fired by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Wednesday.

Works Minister Clement Muchachisi, one of two Zimbabwe African People's Union ministers remaining in the 25-member cabinet, told reporters Friday: "We came in as a party and you cannot have half of the party in and the other half out. It is quite a reasonable thing to get out as a party. It avoids a lot of embarrassment."

Muchachisi's announcement came three days after Mugabe, head of the Zimbabwe African National Union, fired Nkomo, two ZAPU cabinet ministers and a junior minister from the 22-month coalition government.

Mugabe alleged they were linked to a plot to stage a coup against him. Nkomo and the ousted ministers have denied the charge, claiming instead Mugabe wanted the coalition dissolved to pave the way for his avowed aim of one-party state.

One ZAPU minister and two ZAPU junior ministers still remain in the government. One of the junior ministers, Cephas Msipa, has stated he will remain in his post. The other two have yet to make up their minds.

Nkomo, who left Salisbury Thursday for the Matabeleland administrative capital of

Portugal union plans unrest

LISBON, Feb. 19 (R) — Portugal's main trade union confederation met Friday to work out a strike strategy after the pro-Soviet Communist Party unveiled plans to step up labor unrest to try to bring down the government.

The meeting of the CGP-Intersindical, most of whose leaders are Communist, was its first since a general strike last Friday. The government alleged the stoppage was linked with an alleged plot against democracy.

Lisbon public transport was disrupted Friday by a 24-hour strike by river ferries and the underground system. The government requisitioned fleets of private coaches to get commuters to work.

A planned 24-hour strike by the 2,400 workers of the Port of Lisbon Authority was suspended at the last minute when the govern-

Bombs explode in Rome suburb

ROME, Feb. 19 (R) — Three time bombs exploded within minutes of each other in the north Rome suburb of Nomentana Friday but police said they caused no injuries and little damage.

One bomb, consisting of about half a kilogram of high explosive went off outside a gunsmith's shop and another in front of a building housing the local offices of the right-wing Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI) Party. The third exploded near a private sports club. About an hour later a fourth bomb went off outside a small restaurant on the other side of Rome.

murder of two paramilitary civil guards in the Basque country Tuesday.

Military fury at ETA's murder campaign against the armed and security forces was held to be one of the main causes of the coup attempt last Feb. 23.

The putschists initially justified their coup bid by explaining that democracy had failed. Right-wing publications Friday termed the accused "men of honor." The trial, they said, should reveal the "whole truth" concerning the role played by King Juan Carlos in the abortive coup. They insinuated that the king in fact initially supported the putschists, but "betrayed" them later on.

The royalist daily ABC, on the other hand, stressed that the court martial should not be used as an excuse to damn the monarchy. The "truth" must be revealed to the public, it said.

Most of the Spanish press Friday underlined that the trial was the "true test" of Spanish democracy.

Bulawayo to see his sick wife, Joanna, told reporters Thursday that he expected all ZAPU ministers to leave the government and form an opposition against Mugabe.

Matabeleland, in western Zimbabwe, is home of the Matabele tribe, 18 percent of Zimbabwe's 7.2 million blacks and the power base of Nkomo's party. Mugabe's ZANU is largely founded on the majority Shona tribe.

Muchachisi's announced resignation came a day after Nkomo challenged Mugabe to produce evidence that he and his colleagues had plotted a coup. Nkomo also expressed doubts that Mugabe would carry out a threat to try the four, and others who have not been named, for treason — a crime that carries the death sentence in Zimbabwe.

"I have never feared prosecution," he said. "Mr. Mugabe is trying to smear me for his personal power. He can do it if he wants to, I am not afraid."

Mugabe said evidence of a coup plot came from huge caches of arms — enough to equip a 5,000-man brigade — unearthed on farms and other properties owned by Nkomo and other ZAPU officials in Matabeleland early this month.

In Bulawayo, main city of Nkomo's homeland, troop reinforcements were posted on the outskirts of suburbs, lines of machine-gun-mounted armored personnel carriers were on stand-by and military helicopters hovered overhead. But police reported all was quiet.

ment intervened in negotiations between the management and trade unions. All Portuguese ports except the southern oil terminal of Sines, however, continued to be disrupted by partial strikes by harbor pilots.

Portuguese Communist leader Alvaro Cunhal told a party rally Tuesday night that strikes were necessary and insisted it was vital to bring down the government of Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão before a forthcoming revision of the constitution.

"Strikes are necessary to show the force of feeling of the workers," he said, declaring that democracy was at risk if the constitution was changed. Under the proposed revision, the government would transfer the power to appoint military chiefs from the president to the government.

Cunhal accused the government of planning a right-wing military coup by gaining control of the armed forces. The conditions for such a coup did not exist under the present constitution, he said.

Cunhal said his party would demand a parliamentary debate on what he described as government claims that the general strike was part of a coup attempt or a Communist uprising.

After originally implying that the plot was linked to the CGTP-Intersindical strike, the government is now saying that what the security forces foiled on the night of the strike was a conspiracy by a shadowy Portuguese guerrilla group, the Popular Forces of April 25.

The government's nervousness about the situation, meanwhile, threw a shadow over pre-carnival ragging by Lisbon students.

Sharp crackdown threatened

Poland warns of clashes

WARSAW, Feb. 19 (AP) — A Polish government spokesman warned Friday some extremists were openly promoting "serious political" conflict and even hinting at "armed clashes" this spring with Poland's martial law authorities.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said in an interview printed here Friday "the slogan — the winter is yours but the spring will be ours — has a sinister air to it."

"Today, the remnants of activists of that political orientation openly and without embarrassment proclaim their desire to instigate serious political clashes in the country," he said in the interview in the morning daily *Zyciew Warszawy*.

"The prospect hinted at is also that of armed clashes, about going into the woods as soon as it gets warmer," Urban said.

The warning is the most serious response yet to the popular slogan by the government since martial law was declared here last Dec. 13 and the Solidarity union was suspended.

The slogan cited by Urban has become a sort of underground motto that is heard here from time to time and is sometimes even daubed on walls or billboards.

Urban warned in the interview that any resistance or political or "armed clashes" would prompt a sharp government crackdown. But he also said that dealing with such a resistance movement was "more or less the basic dilemma of Polish internal policy."

"On Dec. 13, 1981, the bottle with the imp inside was corked up," Urban said. "Uncorking the bottle would allow the imp to escape. Keeping him inside threatens that he will burst the bottle."

"If the slogan 'the spring will be ours' is implemented in any form whatsoever, the cork is bound to be pressed deeper and harder," Urban said.

Urban blamed the United States for attempting to use any sort of uprising here as a

15 feared dead in Moscow fall

MOSCOW, Feb. 19 (R) — At least 15 persons are believed to have been killed when an escalator in a Moscow metro station collapsed Wednesday, informed Soviet sources said Friday.

There has been no official statement on the death toll, but according to unconfirmed reports between 15 and 30 persons died after the stairway gave way during the rush hour. The number of injured ran into dozens, they said.

Some travelers were plunged into the moving escalator machinery or piled on top of each other in a deep shaft beneath the stairway, the sources said. The accident occurred at the Aviamotornaya underground station in the east of the city. Like most parts of the metro, the station is designed to serve as a bomb shelter and is far below the surface.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

He sat there silently, just looking at me. Minutes on end. Finally, he said, "I want to ask you something. Promise to answer truthfully?" I said it all depends. "I'll ask anyway," he said. "Do you think I'm mad?"

"A shade, perhaps," I ventured, "a suggestion... Not mad so much as, well, touched." That didn't satisfy him. "Am I stupid, then? Please don't mince words." "I wouldn't go that far," I said, "mind you, I never thought of you as a shining beacon of intelligence, not really, not exactly."

That satisfied him even less. "I'm asking because I think my wife is trying to kill me. I'm trying to establish that my mind is normal before telling you the details. Instead, all I get from you is sarcasm."

"It's all in your mind," I said, and immediately regretted it. For he positively blew up.

"She's been giving me signs. Clear as day. Redder and redder nails and redder and redder lipstick. She's been giving me those peculiar looks — that is, she is giving me those looks when she isn't nagging me beyond endurance. She wants me to have a heart attack. Or maybe strike at her first so that she can do it 'in self-defense'."

"Nonsense!" I said. "The explanation is simple. First, all wives nag. That's a law of nature. Second, in your case, all your kids have left home, and you're retired, so you're all she has to nag. Even the maid has been dismissed. As to the lipstick and nail polish, well, perhaps she wants to remind you of the days gone by, when both of you were young."

"So it's a sign of affection, all this nagging and the war-paint? She's killing me with affection, then, is she? — Thanks for setting my mind at rest. I can die happy now, knowing that it was all well meant..."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Germany denies cabinet reshuffle

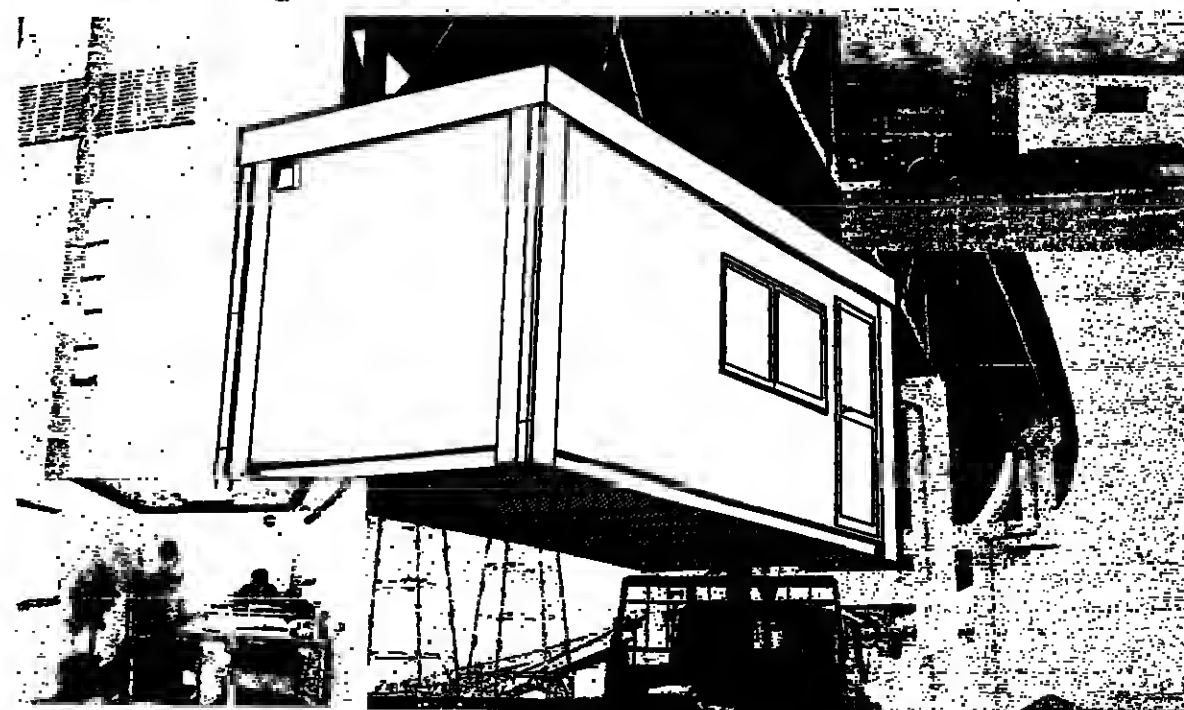
BONN, Feb. 19 (R) — The West German Government acted swiftly Friday to quell speculation that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is planning a major cabinet reshuffle. A report by the West German news agency DPA, which said Schmidt was thinking of replacing at least four cabinet ministers, was dismissed by chief government spokesman Kurt Becker as "pure invention."

The agency, quoting informed sources, said the reshuffle was possible in early summer.

DPA said the plan foresaw Defense Minister Hans Apel taking over as SPD parliamentary floor leader from veteran politician Herbert Wehner, who is 75. Apel's replacement as minister would be Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, a deputy SPD chairman.

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